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## PLO chief reaffirms support to Fahd plan

DOHA, Qatar Nov. 16 (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrived from Kuwait Monday for talks with Qatar officials on Saudi Arabia's eight-point "Mideast blueprint."

He was quoted by the Kuwait News Agency as reiterating his acceptance of the Saudi Arabia Plan which calls for an independent Palestinian state with Arab Jerusalem as its capital. He told the agency that the "emergence of the Palestinian state is a matter of time...the state will become a reality sooner or later."

"The shape of the Palestinian state will be decided by the Palestinian citizen and the Palestinian gun," said Arafat. His statement contrasted with remarks by other PLO leaders, who insisted the PLO does not have the authority to recognize Israel, as point seven of the Saudi Arabia plan implies.

Alluding to the Egyptian-Israeli Camp David peace process, sponsored by the United States, Arafat told the agency that the Saudi Arabian plan was more comprehensive and "open to discussion."

Camp David, he contended, "is a bilateral accord that gave back to Egypt an incomplete sovereignty over Sinai and ousted Egypt from the struggle arena." The plan was to be presented for endorsement by the Arab summit conference, scheduled for Nov. 25 at Fez, Morocco.

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## Cabinet amends corporate law

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers Monday amended the corporate law in Saudi Arabia enacted in 1965, in the light of proposals submitted by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Al-Solaimi to cut down red tape and preserve rights.

After its weekly session under Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that the cabinet has empowered Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the minister of agriculture and water and president of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation to sign a technical cooperation agreement with Japan. The agreement calls for establishing a desalination research center and another one for the training of Saudis on the management, operation and maintenance of desalting plants.

In other decisions, the cabinet approved

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## 48 Mexicans die, 49 hurt at wall crash stampede

MERIDA, Mexico, Nov. 16 (AP) — At least 48 participants in a political rally were killed Sunday when a concrete wall at a bullring collapsed. Witnessed said Monday most of the victims were trampled to death when the crowd panicked.

Another 49 were injured, some seriously, a Red Cross spokesman said.

Fernando Aranzabal, who was covering the rally for the Mexico City newspaper *Excelsior*, said the band music and shouting in the arena were so loud that most of those inside did not realize what had happened, and the rally continued normally after the wall fell at about 5:40 p.m. local time.

The rally was to close out Gen. Graciliano Ponce Finzon's campaign for governor of Yucatan state.

Aranzabal said the wall, about eight feet (2.4 meters) high and 10 feet (3 meters) long, could not have been responsible for the deaths. He said the ring was filled beyond capacity of 8,000 by an estimated 15,000 participants and more were pushing and shoving to get in.

Earlier reports from a Red Cross spokesman said the ring was about three quarters full and that part of the grandstand had collapsed. However, Aranzabal said the wall was outside the arena. It was one of two that channeled spectators toward the single narrow entrance to the bullring. The hoarded pushing on the wall and sitting on top of it appeared to cause the collapse, he said.

Politicians commonly pay participants to attend their political rallies, but because local music groups were brought in to play at the rally they were not paid this time.

## Investment running well OPEC surplus of revenues expected to disappear by '83

KUWAIT, Nov. 16 (R) — The specter of a financial crisis brought on by a huge, persistent surplus of OPEC petrodollars that haunted the world's bankers just a year ago has vanished, according to bankers and economists in the oil-exporting Gulf.

The fear was that the international banking system might fail to recycle the money amassed by members of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) back into the world economy and it therefore could not be loaned to needy nations with large balance of payments deficits.

But the combined surplus of the 13 OPEC members, which peaked at almost \$110 billion last year, could fall to zero as early as 1983, economists say.

Falling oil demand and the promise of an OPEC price freeze until the end of 1982 have trimmed forecasts for OPEC revenues. Meanwhile, their investment in development projects is running well above what many experts originally thought was likely.

Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani says OPEC's apparent earnings surplus could disappear by the end of 1983 if the total value of OPEC oil exports stagnates at the 1980 level because of the fall in world demand.

## Khaled, Fahd receive Al-Thawr

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — King Khaled received the North Yemen Foreign Minister Ali Lutf Al-Thawr who is visiting the country for talks on cooperation between the two countries. The minister was later received by Crown Prince Fahd, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, and Foreign Minister Prince Saud.

## Allagany's plan views are denied

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Monday categorically denied the personal viewpoints and explanations given by the Kingdom's acting ambassador to the United Nations relating to Saudi Arabian peace plan for the Middle East in an interview with an American newspaper.

"The acting ambassador Gaffar Allagany's explanations about certain points in the plan are not proper and he is not authorized to give personal explanations on the plan," an official source said here.

The eight-point peace plan is clear-cut and does not need any explanations, the source added.



## Abdul Sattar wins elections by a landslide

DACCA, Nov. 16 (R) — Abdul Sattar of the ruling Bangladesh National Party (BNP), acting chief of state since President Ziaur Rahman was killed in May, won the presidential election Monday with a landslide majority.

Abdul Sattar a 75-year-old former judge, built up an unbeatable score of 12,029,237 votes against 4,521,725 for his nearest rival, Dr. Kamal Hussein of the Awami League. Abdul Sattar claimed victory when he met foreign correspondents at the presidential palace.

"This victory is a victory of the great people of this country who are dedicated to the cause of democracy and peace," he said. He vowed to carry on the policies of the late president, killed in an army mutiny, and specified that there would be no change in foreign policy.

"It is now clear that the people have overwhelmingly given their verdict in favor of the presidential system of government," Abdul Sattar said.

"We will continue to play our part in the non-aligned movement, in the Organization of Islamic Conference and in the United Nations," Abdul Sattar said.

He denied allegations by the Awami League that the elections had been rigged. With such a gap between the candidates' vote totals there was no need for rigging, he said. He said one of his major problems would be Bangladesh's population growth and efforts would be made to continue the previous president's bid to double food production. The government must also eradicate illiteracy from Bangladesh, he said.

Sheikh Hasina Wazed, president of the league whose active campaigning in favor of Dr. Hussein had helped him become Abdul Sattar's main rival, immediately described the results as a "bluff." At a late night press conference, he said: "It is quite clear from the poll results that it was earlier prepared by the government machinery."

Dr. Hussein, who was earlier tipped to give a close fight to Abdul, told the press conference: "this is not at all an election but a conspiracy against the people."

## U.S. denies plotting murder of Qaddafi

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AFP) — The White House confirmed Monday that a leading French official and members of the Reagan administration discussed Libya here last February, but denied a report they had talked about a French plan to assassinate Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

The news weekly *Time* Magazine reported in its latest edition that the government of former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing worked out a plot to kill Col. Qaddafi and gave details to senior U.S. officials, including National Security Adviser Richard Allen.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said that Allen and two assistant secretaries of state — Chester Crocker (Africa) and Nicholas Veliotis (Middle East) — attended the meeting, during which the situation in Libya was discussed.

Speakes added the meeting was organized while a member of the French government, whom he refused to identify, was passing through Washington.

Contrary to what *Time* said, the French official, who attended the meeting, did not request either diplomatic or logistic aid from the U.S. for a coup against Col. Qaddafi, Speakes said. The discussion had consisted of a general exchange of views and there had been no question of an anti-Qaddafi plot.

Citing unidentified sources in Washington, *Time* said that "the French official proposed that the killing be done by a group of Libyan exiles, trained and controlled by the French."

The U.S. would not have been directly implicated in the project and the French were asking Washington to quickly recognize Col. Qaddafi's successor, the magazine said.

The White House never approved the plan, but the Americans accepted that discussions on the matter continue, *Time* said. It said the plan was dropped when Giscard d'Estaing was defeated in the French presidential election in May by Socialist Francois Mitterrand.

Edwin Meese, counselor to U.S. President Ronald Reagan, would neither confirm nor deny the plan, *Time* says.



Muammar Qaddafi

The magazine quoted U.S. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer as saying: "There was no discussion of a covert plot to overthrow Qaddafi, and the French official made no request for logistical or diplomatic assistance from the U.S."

Spokeswoman Kim Hoggard, reached at the White House Sunday night, said, "I don't have any information on that. I don't know what to tell you."

Mitterrand government officials insisted last week they had never heard of a plot, *Time* says, and "the French official has disavowed any role in the plot."

Nicholas Veliotis, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, and Chester Crocker, U.S. Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, denied the official made "any formal proposal of covert action" at the meeting they attended, the magazine says. They admitted the discussion involved Libya, the magazine says.

## Syria claims doubling army

DAMASCUS, Nov. 10 (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad, speaking on the occasion of the 11th anniversary of his coming to power, said Monday the strength of Syria's army had doubled in the past decade.

Addressing the first session on the country's newly elected parliament, Assad said his ruling Arab Socialist Baath Party leadership was "planning to continue building the strength of the country, politically, economically, culturally and militarily."

He added that the Syrian army has "united preparedness to perform its national duty."

Syria has a Soviet-equipped standing army of 200,000 men and an air force of

395 Russian-made combat jets, according to the 1980-81 edition of the London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies. The Syrian leader also castigated the United States for what he described as its policy of undermining Arab unity by "pitting the Arab countries one against the other."

Not only has the United States committed itself to making Israel as mighty as all the Arab countries put together, but it is adding to Israeli strength by weakening Arab ranks, surrounding the Arab area with its fleets, bases and forces and to top all that the United States went into a strategic alliance with Israel, Assad said.

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## Suzuki to take new blood in cabinet soon

TOKYO, Nov. 16 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki said Monday he would reshuffle his cabinet soon to help resolve Japan's persistent trade disputes with other nations.

"I will present a new (cabinet) lineup capable of producing concrete measures to handle economy, commerce and trade," he said in an interview with the Japan Broadcasting Corporation.

Suzuki, 70, said the reshuffle, his first since taking office in mid-1980, would probably take place on Nov. 30.

Reflecting concern here that Japan's trade surplus in the financial year ending next March might reach a record \$23 billion, Suzuki said he would work for a balanced and free world trade by increasing Japanese imports rather than restricting exports.

Much of Suzuki's time in office has been dominated by pressure from the United States and Western Europe to reduce Japan's flood of exports and rectify big trade imbalances.

Suzuki, however, emphasized in Monday's interview that other advanced nations should redouble efforts to analyze and study the Japanese market and economic structure before they criticized Japan's overall trade.

He said today's scheduled meeting of cabinet economic ministers would still be held despite the pending reshuffle, and added: "We will discuss (at the meeting)... how we can lower Japan's trade barriers against other countries, if there are any."

A major measure for discussion at the meeting is emergency imports worth about five billion dollars, especially of aircraft and rare and strategic metals.

Government sources said the finance ministry opposes emergency imports. It wants an export surcharge system which would penalize industries with overseas shipments above the national average.

The emergency import plan is backed by the international trade and industry ministry, while the foreign ministry sees problems with both the import and export plans, the sources said.

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## Fahd okays water project for Rabigh

RABIGH, Nov. 16 (APA) — Crown Prince Fahd has approved a SR90-million project for the establishment of a water network for Rabigh, a town about 50 kms. north of Jeddah, according to its Mayor Muhammad Al-Ghanem Monday.

Ghanem said that the project was submitted to the crown prince by Prince Miteb, public works and housing minister and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs. It will be commissioned shortly for execution, the mayor added. He commended the kind gesture and expressed gratitude on behalf of the town's residents.

In other developments, Makkah Governor Prince Majed will chair Sunday a meeting of the Western Region's Water and Sewage Department in Jeddah. The department's director general, Fahd Al-Sulaiman, said Monday that discussions will center on Taif's water and sewage networks, sewage water treatment plants for Jeddah and Makkah and supervision for these projects.

The meeting will also debate several projects for which tenders are to be invited shortly, along with proposals by the department's branches.

Meanwhile, Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved the awarding of a contract for digging six deep wells in the Quwayyah area. The contract, which cost SR5 million, was awarded to a national company. The project will meet water needs for the area.

The minister also approved a second SR3.5 million contract for digging three wells in Zulf.

## Algozaibi calls for Gulf industrial common mart

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algozaibi has urged the establishment of a gulf common industrial market to crown the industrial cooperation existing among the area's countries.

"This task would relatively be easy because industries of the Gulf are similar and also because of the existence of industrial coordination through exchange of information, joint planning and establishing joint projects," Algozaibi said. Gulf states can achieve the task by just continuing joint work and coordination, he added.

Algozaibi was speaking at an open dialogue with students here Sunday night. The debate was organized by Riyadh University's Cultural Committee. "Though the Kingdom considers itself at the beginning of the road toward an era of industrialization, it has built 1,400 productive industries so far," the minister said.

Speaking about the post-oil, the Saudi Arabian economy and the state's plans to have alternative supporting pillars, Algozaibi said that the Kingdom's entry into the huge industries field, such as the petrochemical installations, indicates that it has passed the oil extracting era toward a stage of manufacturing.

He commended the government's efforts to clear obstacles facing national industrial projects and marketing of their products nationally and internationally. He called for closer ties among the Kingdom's universities and ministries, and establishing research and consulting service centers to be manned by the universities' staff.

Algozaibi, who is also chairman of the

General Electricity Company, Monday signed a SR58.8 million contract for building the Samtah power project in Jizan. The contract, awarded to a specialized national firm, calls for completion of work within 22 months.

The project includes a generating plant with a capacity of 20,000 kilowatts liable to expand to the double, a 13,800-volt network of 128 kilometers and a 73-km low pressure network. The project will serve about 5,000 subscribers in Samtah and nearby villages.

The minister also signed another contract with an international company for building the gas-turbine power generating plant which is part of the Hail central electricity project. The cost of the contract was not revealed. The proposed plant will generate 340 megawatts of electricity. The contract will be executed in several phases, within 27 months. The first phase will be operational in 21 months, according to the contract.

The Hail central project will introduce electric power to 405 towns and villages covering the area completely. With an overall cost of SR437.58 million, the project is expected to serve 23,000 subscribers.

## Malaysia to host Islamic conference

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — More than 92 Islamic scholars and top Islamic personalities from around the world will open a 10-day conference in Kuala Lumpur on Nov. 24 to ponder the obstacles facing Dawa (invitation to join Islam) conference members will map a future strategy vis-a-vis this problem which it will submit in the form of recommendations to the Islamic secretariat.

The conference, to be inaugurated by Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Muhammad, is jointly organized by the 42-member Organization of the Islamic Conference based here and the Malaysian government. It is funded by the Malaysian government and the Islamic Solidarity Fund, an off-shoot of the OIC.

Delegates from Saudi Arabia include Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, the president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling call to Islam, and Guidance; Dr. Abdullah Nassif, rector of King Abdul Azz University; Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League; and Dr. Ahmad Bahafallah, the president of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth.

The OIC will be represented by Bakary Drane, the assistant secretary general for

cultural and social affairs; Hassan Megag Samater, adviser to the secretary general and director of the Hijra Department; and Sheikh Muhammad Al-Haifi, assistant director of the Hijra Department. The ISF will be represented by its president Dr. Erzeddin Ibrahim.

The idea to celebrate the new century was mooted by the 6th Islamic conference of foreign ministers held in July, 1975, in Jeddah to highlight the features of Islamic civilization and values in a scientific manner. The conference authorized the OIC general secretariat to prepare the studies on the celebrations as a cultural festival in which all OIC members are to participate according to a detailed program.

The OIC secretariat prepared a memorandum suggesting that a 12-member committee be formed to lay down the plan, prepare a budget and contact all OIC states and Islamic quarters for the purpose. In May, 1976, the seventh Islamic conference of foreign ministers approved the proposals and entrusted the OIC secretariat with preparing a draft budget and proposing activities and programs for submission to the said committee.

Following the conference, the OIC secretary general appointed a committee of experts to carry out the task. The committee recommended, among other things, that

Malaysia host a conference to consider problems facing the Islamic movement. Malaysia welcomed the proposal and offered to share the expenses of the conference to be attended by more than 280 persons.

The eighth Islamic conference of foreign ministers held in May, 1977 in Tripoli, Libya, endorsed the program, with a detailed plan for its implementation. The ministers had endorsed both international and national activities for which a regional committee was formed in each OIC member state.

A special department was formed later at the OIC secretariat in Jeddah by the ninth Islamic conference of Dakar, Senegal, in 1978. The conference stressed that the celebration was meant for the spiritual revival of the Islamic world, adherence to Sharia and highlighting the merits of Islamic culture to the world.

The conference gave the green light to the OIC for executing the program in cooperation with the committee of experts and the ISF. The Islamic Solidarity Fund was requested to finance the international activities. The conference also decreed that new proposals which may be introduced by OIC member states regarding the program are to be taken into consideration.

## FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, Nov. 16 (WAM) — The United Arab Emirates cabinet Monday approved a federal bill establishing a national computer center to serve the public sector. At its weekly session presided over by Deputy Premier Sheikh Hamdan bin Muhammad, the council appointed a board of directors to run the center. Minister of Planning Saïd Ghobash will chair the board. The cabinet also approved a memorandum presented by Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, the finance and industry minister, on the resolutions of the first meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Ministerial Council for Industrial Cooperation. The memo included a study on unifying regulations and laws dealing with industry, coordination of industrial activities and the laying down appropriate policies and recommendations to achieve industrial integration among the six member-states.

ABU DHABI, Nov. 16 (WAM) — Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid leaves for Kuwait Thursday to participate in a conference on the ten-year Arab development plan approved by the Arab summit conference Amman, November last year. The plan is sponsored by Kuwait, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Iraq. Sheikh Hamdan said the UAE will provide \$75 million, 15 percent of the total capital of \$5 billion to be allocated for the plan. The UAE is keen on promoting joint Arab cooperation in order to achieve economic integration," he said.

## Makkah power facilities inspected

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — Dr. Talal Abdul Karim Bakr, director general of Western Region's Consolidated Electricity Company, inspected electricity departments in Makkah Monday. He was briefed on the role of the planning section of the electricity network and its achievements.

Bakr's inspection tour also took him to the subscription and computer departments and

later to the Holy City's power plant which produces 400 megawatts of electricity.

Meanwhile, Abdullah Al-Jarafi, director of Makkah electricity department, said that Makkah and its suburbs have a total of 10 gas turbines and 14 diesel generators. Besides, there is a plan to increase the plant's productive capacity in accordance with the needs of the areas being served by the company, he added.

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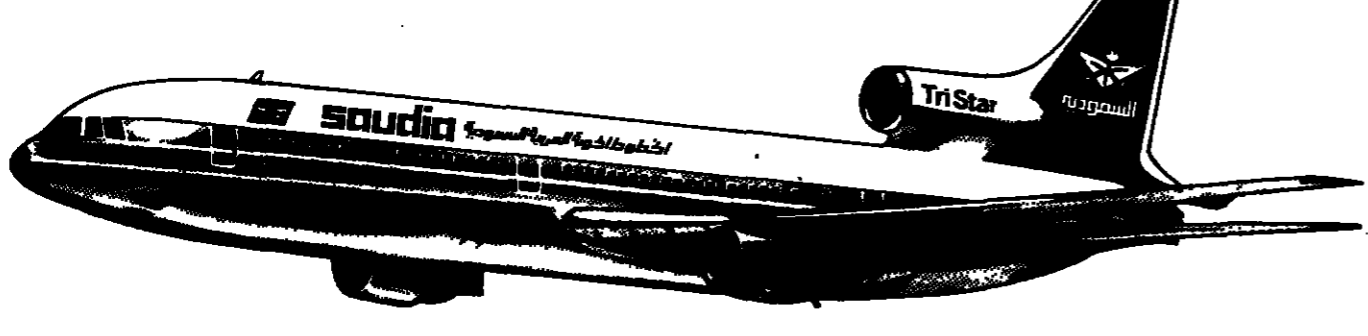
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# Naif prohibits shops using wooden floors

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif issued a circular Monday calling on all governorates to demolish wooden mezzanine floors usually built inside shops, because of the fire danger they pose to commercial places and other apartments in residential buildings.

The circular urged the governorates to ban such structures and demolish any existing ones. They should be replaced by similar structures of metal or other fire resisting materials, it said.

The circular also advised owners of residential buildings against leasing apartments for warehouses. Penal measures will be applied against offenders of these regulations which aim at preserving citizens' properties, the circular said.

It gave a period of two months for clear-

ing out any storehouses located in residential buildings. The period of grace begins from the date of advising owners.

The circular also covered companies and commercial places engaged in producing wooden mezzanine floors or decorations and advised to cease such activities. Severe penalties will be awarded on anyone making such products after the warning, it said. The ministry also banned the use of basement floors as storage places or printing presses because that endangers the whole building in case of fire.

It gave a period of six months from the date of the announcement to implement these instructions. The interior minister has also ordered the formation of regional committees in each governorate to pursue the implementation of the instructions.

# KAU campus master plan readied

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — The planning department at King Abdul Aziz University this week received the first draft of the master plan for the new campus, according to Ahmed Bahefzullah, head of the department.

The official said his office will begin more detailed planning for the campus, which will entail what types of buildings will be used and other details. As a result of receiving the new plan draft, Bahefzullah said his department hopes to start awarding contracts for infrastructure projects within eight months. He estimated that construction on the projects would start soon after awarding the contracts.

At present, the work for meeting master plan deadlines is progressing on schedule and the administrator said the 1988-89 target for completion should be met on time.

The new KAU campus will cover 800 hectares and is planned to be a self-contained university township with its own housing and services. Permanent projects already underway or completed include a water reservoir,



Ahmed Bahefzullah

housing for 2,000 students that is scheduled for completion in six to seven months, staff housing of 318 flats with a completion date in about 12 to 15 months and a sports complex tent that already has been dedicated and will see action for the first time this week.

# Arab bureau to study education tie-up

MANAMA, Nov. 16 (SPA) — The higher education board of the Riyadh-based Gulf Arab Education Bureau will open its eighth regular session here Sunday to discuss various issues with the aim of promoting relations among Gulf universities and higher studies institutes.

The four-day meeting will be attended by representatives of the Gulf Arab states, under Dr. Muhammad Al-Ahmed Al-Rasheed, the bureau's director general. The board is one of the Gulf Arab education

bureau's bodies representing higher education. It is a consultative authority which makes proposals for coordination and integration among the Gulf universities and higher education institutions.

In other educational news, the number of regular students enrolled at the Jeddah Telecommunications and Radio Training Institute reached 380. The students are training for various specializations offered by the institute, including telex, radio and television.

studios, transmission, microwave, communications, satellites, telegraph, electronic telephone exchanges, electricity, airconditioning and telephone networks.

According to Ali Muhammad Maghrabi, the institute director, 220 students were granted admission this year alone. They include secondary and intermediate school students, he said. The institute also organizes special courses for employees of certain government departments, in addition to training students from Arab countries. At present, there are 14 students from North Yemen, he said.

Meanwhile in Tabuk, the Vocational Training Center has completed its SR55-million housing project. It comprises four buildings, basic facilities, a mosque, parking lots, a restaurant, sports facilities, children's playground, water purification plant and an electricity generating plant.

# Somalia renews support for plan

RIYADH, Nov. 16 (SPA) — Somali Foreign Minister Abdul Rahman Jama Barre Sunday reiterated his country's support for the Saudi Arabian plan for peace in the Middle East.

In an interview with SPA, Jama described the 8-point formula announced by Crown Prince Fahd as of great importance, since it includes the international resolutions which are in favor of Arab issues and the rights of the Palestinian people. Jama hoped the Arab countries would give the plan their full backing at the coming Arab summit meeting in Fez, Morocco.

The Somali minister said he came here to brief the Gulf leaders, on recent developments in the African Horn and the Red Sea region and also to exchange views on Arab and international issues of mutual interest.

# Contract for fishing boats awarded

DAMMAM, Nov. 16 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Monday signed a SR26-million contract with an Australian shipping company for building four fishing boats. Dr. Abdul Rahman is also chairman of the Saudi Arabian Fishing Company.

The vessels will be equipped with latest fishing devices. Two of them will be delivered in February while the remaining two in April next year. Each vessel will weigh 180 tons with its maximum load. They will be 24.4 meters long and 7.42 meters wide.

# BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — The academic council of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University held a meeting here Monday under Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdullah Al-Ajlan, its vice-president, to review a number of academic subjects, including the translation of books into languages spoken by Muslims in different parts of the world. The council also discussed ways and means of countering challenges before Muslims and combating heretic ideologies that attempt to make inroads into the Islamic faith.

delegation which is currently visiting the Kingdom at the invitation of Saudi Arabian Karate Association. The meeting attended by the Japanese ambassador to the Kingdom, exchanged cordial talks on sports and athletics.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — President Hassan Gouled of Djibouti made a stopover at King Abdul Aziz International Airport Monday on his way to Paris. He was received and later seen off by Salem Sunbul, Foreign Ministry's chief of protocol; Zuhair Sindi, airport director, and the ambassador of Djibouti to the Kingdom.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Ambassador-designate of Upper Volta Monday submitted an advance copy of his credentials to Chief of Protocol Salem Sunbul, in preparation for its presentation to King Khalid soon.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, general president of Youth Welfare, Monday received the Japanese athletic

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:06	12:07	11:38	11:25	11:49	12:19
Asr (Afternoon)	3:16	3:13	2:44	2:28	2:53	3:19
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:39	5:35	5:06	4:50	5:15	5:41
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After two-hour artillery duel

# Tension heightened in South Lebanon

BEIRUT, Nov. 16 (AP) — Tension ran high in southern Lebanon Monday following a two-hour duel between Palestinian commandos and Israeli-backed rightist militiamen fought with mortars and rockets on Sunday, the United Nations and Lebanese provincial authorities reported.

The U.N. information office in Beirut said U.N. peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon had monitored the exchange between militia and commando positions that "generated extreme tensions in the region."

The office said field reports from U.N. forces listed mortar rounds fired from militia positions in the direction of Palestinian strongholds, but there was no mention of the type of fire the Palestinians used.

The governor's office in the Mediterranean port of Sidon, provincial capital of southern Lebanon, said commandos used rockets in blasting militia border positions and described the exchange as the most serious breach of the South Lebanon ceasefire. The ceasefire was worked out jointly by the United States and the United Nations on July 24.

A spokesman for the governor's office said militia gun positions at Marjayoun and Qleaa exchanged heavy artillery and rocket fire with commando hilltop positions overlooking Nabateyah, a market town, about nine kilometers west of Marjayoun.

The spokesman, who refused to be named on compliance with Lebanese government regulations, said reports compiled by Lebanon's security forces near the scene of hostilities said calm prevailed in the area early Monday, as both sides took stock of

property losses. There were no casualties reported, he added.

The flare-up came just 24 hours after Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat ordered a "re-mobilization of Palestinian ranks" to face a major offensive he claimed Israel was preparing to mount in southern Lebanon.

The PLO and border militia forces of renegade Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad accused each other of starting Sunday's artillery clash, and the Arabic service of Israel's state radio said power was down in Marjayoun and Qleaa because of shelling.

Arafat's re-mobilization orders were sent out after Haddad declared he considered the ceasefire in southern Lebanon was terminated by a land mine explosion that killed three of his militiamen last Friday.

Although the PLO denied any involvement in the mine blast at the central sector of Haddad's "free Lebanon" border enclave, Haddad held the commandos responsible and vowed to retaliate "at the appropriate time and venue."

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan joined Arafat in charging that Israel was bracing for a massive military action in southern Lebanon without regard for U.N. peacekeeping forces that patrol a buffer zone between commando positions and the Israeli frontier.

In an interview with the Abu Dhabi newspaper *Al-Itihad* that was reproduced by Beirut newspapers on Monday, Wazzan warned Israel "might undertake a military adventure in South Lebanon to create new tensions in the Middle East prior to upcoming Arab summit conference."

In Beirut

## French banks, airline office bombed

BEIRUT, Nov. 16 (AP) — Two French banks and the Air France office in east Beirut were bombed overnight and a group calling itself the "Orly Organization" believed to be an Armenian guerrilla group, claimed responsibility, according to the independent Lebanese newspaper *Al-Nahar*, Monday.

## Kuwait prime minister to visit 5 Arab states

KUWAIT, Nov. 16 (R) — Kuwait heir apparent and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah will visit five Arab countries — Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Mauritania and Morocco — before the end of the year, the Kuwait News Agency said Monday. The report, which quoted an official spokesman, gave no dates.

But the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia, the largest Armenian guerrilla group, issued a communique denying it had any involvement in the bomb attacks. The rightist-controlled voice of Lebanon radio station said Monday.

*Al-Nahar* said a caller purporting to speak on behalf of the Orly Organization threatened that their operations "would continue" and "we warn the French authorities that soon a French plane will explode in mid-air and we hold the French government responsible."

The three simultaneous bomb explosions occurred Sunday night. There were no reported injuries. The blasts were aimed at the Banque Libano Francaise and the Union National Bank in east Beirut. The third explosion was at the office of Air France in Jounieh, 20 kilometers north of Beirut.

## Angered by 'provocative policy' Ethiopia may sever U.S. ties

ADDIS ABABA, Nov. 16 (R) — Ethiopia has hinted that it is considering breaking off diplomatic relations with the United States in an angry note accusing Washington of pursuing provocative policies.

"Should the new provocative policy of the U.S. government involve actions which are detrimental to the national interest of Ethiopia and the stability of the region, Ethiopia will be left with no other alternative but to re-examine the premises of its entire policy toward the United States," the note said.

It was signed by Foreign Minister Feleke Gedle Georgis and sent to U.S. Secretary of

State Alexander Haig last week, a few days before the start of U.S. military maneuvers in Egypt, Sudan, Somalia and Oman. The foreign ministry released the text of the note Sunday night.

The exercises, codenamed Bright Star 82, have prompted an emergency meeting Monday of foreign ministers of the newly-formed tripartite alliance between Ethiopia, South Yemen and Libya — all three partners of the Soviet Union. The alliance was signed in the South Yemen capital of Aden last August to counter the growing U.S. military presence in the Indian Ocean and Red Sea areas.

## Iran denies presence of KGB agents

LONDON, Nov. 16 (R) — Iran Monday denied a report that Soviet KGB agents had arrived in Tehran to help create an intelligence and security force. A spokesman for the prime minister's office, contacted from London, told Reuters: "This report is not true. We have easily tackled the problem of assassinations and do not need them (Soviet experts) to help us get our information systems going."

*Time* magazine reported Sunday that a group of 36 Farsi-speaking Soviet KGB experts had arrived in Iran to help set up a secret police force to fight a wave of assassination and bombings launched by leftist opponents of the regime.

Iran, which has lost more than 100 politicians in a violent campaign since the dismissal of former President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr last June, has recently stepped up its efforts to rebuild its intelligence service, shattered after the 1979 revolution.

## David Owen attacks Britain's M.E. policy

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (AP) — Former British Foreign Secretary David Owen criticized the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Monday for weakening Britain's support for the U.S.-sponsored Camp David Mideast peace accords.

In a speech prepared for delivery Monday, Owen said both the British government and the Labor opposition have "gone out of their way to distance themselves from Camp David" while supporting the Saudi Arabian eight-point peace plan.

Owen told reporters before his speech that the Camp David process was in danger of collapse unless the Egyptian-Israeli autonomy talks produced quick results.

## In clashes with Muslim fighters 85 Soviet, Afghan troops killed

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 16 (AFP) — At least 85 Soviet and Afghan troops and an undetermined number of freedom fighters were killed last week in government assaults on positions near the rebel-held towns of Kandahar, in the south, and Tura Bura, near the Pakistani border, Afghan freedom fighters said here Monday.

The Muslim fighters also claimed to have shot down at least one Soviet MiG aircraft in Kandahar, and to have engaged in hand-to-hand combat with Soviet and Afghan troops in eastern Nangarhar province last week.

Around Tura Bura, in Nangarhar, at least 50 government soldiers were killed in the battles. Three others, captured alive, were later executed, they said.

The fighters lost several men in the government attack, which was aimed at capturing the rebels' stronghold at Tura Bura. It was the 13th offensive against the town since it fell to the rebels before the installation of the Soviet-backed regime of President Babrak Karmal in December 1979, Afghan fighters said.

Tura Bura is a headquarters of the Hezbi Islami faction, which has joined a new alliance known as Ittehad-e-Islami, which groups three resistance organizations.

The rebel sources said heavy fighting took place around Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, which has been dominated by Muslim fighters since last August.

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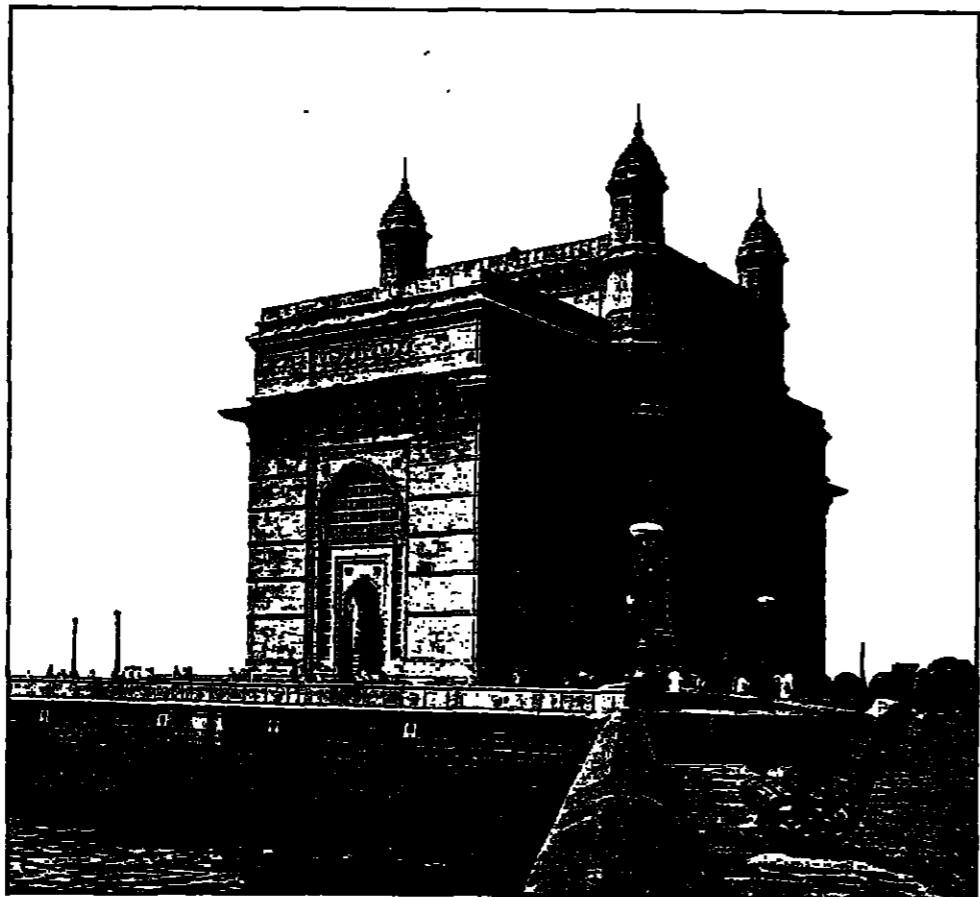
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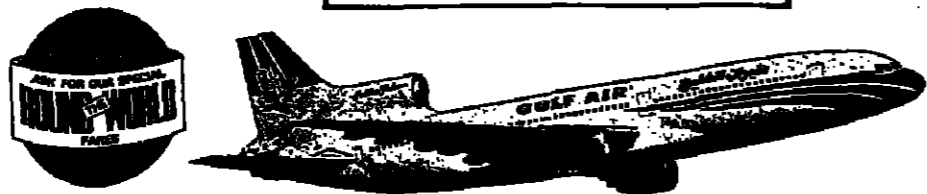
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# Israeli troops demolish 4 houses on West Bank

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — Israeli troops on the occupied West Bank Monday demolished four houses belonging to Palestinians alleged to have thrown firebombs at military patrols and to have committed other security offenses, the military command announced.

Three houses in the village of Beit Sahour, southeast of Bethlehem, were dynamited, a military spokesman said. He said their Palestinian residents admitted to throwing firebombs at Israeli army patrols earlier this month. The fourth house destroyed was near Ramallah, north of Jerusalem.

Authorities also lifted a curfew imposed on Beit Sahour Saturday night after firebombs were thrown at two Israeli buses. The spokesman said three 17-year-old youths from Beit Sahour were arrested in connection with firebomb attacks on troops on Nov. 1 and Nov. 10. He did not identify them.

West Bank military authorities this month renewed their practice of demolishing the houses of security offenders after not using the punishment for more than a year. On Nov. 2, troops dynamited two houses and

sealed a third in Hebron whose occupants were accused of stabbing a Jewish settler in the town's marketplace.

Meanwhile, it was learned Monday that Israel has confiscated 500 hectares of land round the village of Beit Surif in the West Bank for "security reasons." The municipal council has sent protest telegrams to the United Nations.

Another 30 hectares of land round the village of Bani-Naim near Bethlehem has also been expropriated "for military needs."

On Sunday, Israeli military authorities arrested the two leaders of Bir Zeit Palestinian university's student committee and all other members were put under house arrest, Israeli radio reported.

The move came following more than a week of protests in the West Bank sparked by the changeover there from military to Israeli civilian rule. Scores of Najah University students in Nablus started a hunger strike over the weekend because Bir Zeit University had been closed down on Nov. 4 for two months — the result of its students demonstrating against the administrative changeover.

# Begin confirms differences on autonomy talks

TEL AVIV, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Talks of Palestinian autonomy ended last Thursday with Egypt and Israel at odds over East Jerusalem Arabs' right to vote for a Palestinian administrative council and the question of the body's legislative and judiciary rights, Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin said Monday.

Begin added, however, that Israel would pull its troops out of the last section it still occupies in the Sinai Peninsula by next April 25. The withdrawal does not depend on the autonomy talks, Israeli radio quoted him as telling a joint parliament defense and foreign affairs committee.

Begin said the Israeli delegation to the Cairo talks opposed Egyptian demands that East Jerusalem's Arabs be granted the right to vote for the administrative council, and that the group be able to pass and enforce laws.

After the talks ended last week, the two sides acknowledged that a "rift" separated the two countries. Conference sources added that Egyptian criticism of Israeli settlements on the West Bank were another factor in the standoff.

# Explains decision on Chad withdrawal

# Libya says U.S. arming Goukouni's rivals

LONDON, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — With the last of its troops pulling out of Chad Monday Libya accused the United States of arming rebels seeking to topple the Chadian government. In a lengthy background document on Libyan policy toward Chad and neighboring Sudan, the Libyans said:

"As a consequence of the American strategy to reassert U.S. control over the region, Washington has exploited the dependence of the Egyptian and Sudanese regimes to launch an offensive against Chad from Sudanese territory."

The document, published in Tripoli Monday by the foreign information department and made available in London, gave the first official explanation of Libya's decision to pull its troops out of Chad after intervening there 11 months ago.

It said the withdrawal was consistent with Libya's policy of not keeping troops in Chad one day longer than requested by the government of President Goukouni Oueddei.

The Libyans are to be replaced by an Organization of African Unity (OAU) peace force, the first units of which arrived in the Chad capital, Ndjamena, Sunday.

The Libyan document quoted Muammar Qaddafi as saying he sent troops into Chad after urgent and recurrent appeals from the Chadian government. The Libyan intervention secured victory for President Goukouni in a civil war against rebel forces commanded by former Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

Monday's statement said the Habre forces, now based in Sudan, were receiving U.S. backing for their attacks against the Goukouni government. It alleged the United States and its Sudanese and Egyptian allies wanted to secure a front along Libya's southern border as part of a plan to destabilize Libya.

"The focus of their efforts centers on military support for the Chadian rebel forces of Hissene Habre," the document said. "Habre has established military bases and launched a

subversive military offensive with the support of Americans, Egypt and the Sudan," it added.

The document sought to show that Libya's regional policy was consistent with that of the OAU, of which Qaddafi is due to become chairman next year.

The document indicated Libya no longer considered itself directly involved in Chad's problems. "If there is a border problem, then it is a dispute between Sudan and Chad ... although Libya views with concern and disapproval any conflict in this region, the (Libyan) Jamahiriya is not a primary party to the Chadian-Sudanese conflict."

Meanwhile, in Ndjamena, Chad radio said further Zairean troops were expected in Chad Monday after the arrival Sunday of a 280-strong Zairean vanguard of the pan-African peacekeeping force. Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko has pledged 750 men to the OAU force for Chad.

# BRIEFS

TOKYO, (R) — The chairman of Egypt's Suez Canal Authority arrives in Tokyo Tuesday for talks on a project to deepen and widen the waterway, already enlarged by Japanese contractors. Japanese Foreign Ministry officials said Masbour Ahmad Meshour would be in Japan until Nov. 24.

ANKARA, (R) — Death sentences on 23 Turkish political extremists, including Pope John Paul's attacker Mehmet Ali Agca, have been referred to a new consultative assembly for confirmation, assembly officials said Monday.

DAMASCUS, (R) — A member of the ruling Baath Party's regional leadership, Mahmoud Al-Zubi, was Monday elected speaker of the newly elected People's Council (parliament).

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Employees of the Israeli airline El Al Monday called off a 12-day strike after the airline management canceled the dismissal of 16 flight engineers.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — Two Thais convicted of murdering a money-changer were hanged in public here Monday despite a plea from the Bangkok government for clemency.

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## PRESIDENT ABDUL SATTAR

Abdul Sattar of the ruling Bangladesh National Party (BNP), acting chief of state since the assassination of Ziaur Rahman last May, has won his country's elections and is thus entitled to be the new leader of this poor nation.

Although the opposition candidate Dr. Kamal Hussein of the Awami League has accused the ruling party of rigging the elections, the results indicate a free contest, proven by the fact that Hussein pulled over 4.5 million votes against Abdul Sattar's 12 million. Rigged elections would have given Abdul Sattar 99 percent of the total vote as has been the norm in many Third World countries. Incumbent leaders in many Third World countries are seldom satisfied with less than such a result.

A head of state in the Third World was reported to have been deeply dismayed that his re-election results showed that fewer than ten thousand persons had voted against him while nearly 11 million others had given him their confidence. He wanted a 100 percent mandate and would have slept a lot better if he had received even a little more than that.

With this experience of fantastic and fanciful results in Third World elections, with only a few exceptions, it is only right to say that the Bangladesh elections have been a rarity of fairness and the opposition party should be heartened by the good turnout and its excellent showing in the contest. It augurs well for the future that if the League wins greater popularity through a responsible and patriotic program of opposition it will not be thwarted from winning the next election through rigging or corruption.

Abdul Sattar's task is not going to be easy. The country is beset with problems, and even Ziaur Rahman's charismatic appeal did not begin to scratch the surface of poverty and underdevelopment. The country has been placed on the list of the world's least developed states and is arguably the poorest in the world so that Abdul Sattar's victory does not make him the luckiest man in the country but, instead, should bring him the sincere cooperation of the whole nation, including the opposition.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The chance of a unanimous endorsement of the Saudi Arabian peace plan at the upcoming Arab summit meeting in Fez, Morocco, as a major initiative for realizing the aspirations and fateful causes of the Arabs figured for editorial comments in Monday's newspapers.

*Al-Bilad* noted that there is a bright chance that the Arab leaders at the Fez summit will show their solidarity by accepting the principles of the Kingdom's peace plan for formulating joint international diplomatic moves aimed at realizing common Arab goals.

"The eight-point formula will provide prominent guidelines relating to the issue and will demonstrate the Arab people's desire for peace based on justice from a position of strength rather than a position of surrender," the paper said.

Hailing the dedicated role of the Kingdom in realizing Arab unity, *Al-Jazirah* hoped the Arab leaders at the Fez summit will commit themselves to a unanimous acceptance of the Kingdom's plan which will help achieve a just and durable peace in the area.

*Okaz* called for reconciliation and healing of Arab rifts in order to achieve Arab solidarity and unity. The paper advised the Arab states to work out their political

and diplomatic strategy at the Arab summit and formulate measures to counter the threats to the region from Zionists, East or West by declaring their adherence to the principles enshrined in the Arab League's charters.

The paper said Arab differences should not lead to hostilities and severing of diplomatic and economic ties.

"The Arabs should reject any foreign intervention or pacts and totally abandon alien theories and declare their dedicated commitment to the Arab and Islamic heritage and causes," *Okaz* said.

The paper called for devising a fair solution to put an immediate end to the Iraq-Iran conflict in accordance with the concept of Islamic solidarity and unity.

Dealing with the basic principles of Saudi Arabia's foreign policy, *Al-Madina* noted the honest commitment of the Kingdom's policy to serve Islam, propagate Islamic teachings in the world and defend Muslims who are facing oppression and injustice. "Saudi Arabia will never permit anybody to harm the interest of Muslims anywhere and will never establish normal relations with any state, which publicly and proudly embarks on killing of Muslims," the paper said. (SPA)



## Arab panel determined to restore Lebanon peace

By Patrick Worsnip

**BEIRUT** — Despite the stubborn inflexibility of the many conflicting parties in Lebanon, Arab League mediators are sticking doggedly to their task of trying to bring peace to a country where a civil war six years ago has never really ended. Their five-month-old efforts have brought a measure of tranquility to Lebanon's three million people, but a political solution still looks a long way off.

At its latest meeting in Beirut on Nov. 7 the so-called four-party Arab Follow-Up Committee announced measures for banning illegal arms imports brought in by sea, and for improving security in the Lebanese capital. But the measures have not so far been put into effect and it now seems unlikely that they will be before the Arab summit conference opening in Fez, Morocco, on Nov. 25.

Lebanon has won a promise that its problems will be debated at the first session of the summit. But analysts here are doubtful about an early solution to the intricate Lebanese problem.

Furthermore, the Lebanese government itself has already been distracted by rising tension in the south, where a four-month-old truce between Israel and Palestinian commandos looks threatened by a reported military buildup by both sides.

Lebanese President Elias Sarkis is expected to repeat at the summit Beirut's long-standing appeal for a common Arab strategy against Israel, to save Lebanon bearing the brunt of Israeli strikes against the Palestinian commandos. Lebanon has bitterly complained that the idea of a joint strategy has so far received only lip-service from other Arab states.

Nevertheless, the summit will enable leaders of states represented on the Lebanon committee — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Syria — as well as the Arab League Secretariat, to get together informally to try to push the detente process along. The committee was originally set up after the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war, but was revived last June after two months of bitter fighting in Beirut and the east Lebanese town of Zahle.

The fighting basically pitted the right-wing Phalangist Party against the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) — serving in Lebanon since the civil war under Arab League mandate — and nationalist Lebanese groups.

The committee arranged a ceasefire in Beirut which has more or less held since early June, and a month later it ended fighting in Zahle between Phalangist militiamen inside the town and ADF troops besieging it. Moreover, it persuaded Phalangist militia commander Basbir Gemayel to hand President Sarkis a still unpublished pledge to end dealings with Israel — cooperation which Syria said was the main obstacle to peace in Lebanon.

## Superpowers set for tough bargaining on arms talks

By Sidney Welland

**LONDON** — Two weeks before the start of a new round of arms talks, U.S. and Soviet negotiators are still wide apart on what exactly they intend to talk about. Western defense analysts say months may be spent wrangling over definitions before the two sides can get down to specifics.

The attempt to limit medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe raises the most complex range of problems faced by the superpowers in 12 years of intermittent arms control talks. Despite five months of preliminary contacts, there will be no agreed ground rules when American and Soviet experts meet in Geneva on Nov. 30. Both sides expect a negotiating marathon.

While they agree the five arms talks between the Reagan administration and Moscow should deal only with medium-range weapons, they differ widely on what types should be discussed. The first hurdle will be to reach agreement on this.

The talks begin against a backdrop of rising fear in Western Europe over the risks of nuclear war, unceasing or conflicting signals from Washington, and nagging strains among NATO allies.

With European NATO governments increasingly worried over anti-nuclear protest movements, U.S. diplomats say they expect continuing pressure within the alliance to get results. Although the talks involve only the United States on the Western side, U.S. planners have met frequently with other NATO officials to coordinate alliance tactics. Another meeting will be held at NATO headquarters in Brussels before the talks start.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig has said consultations so far have been of "unprecedented intensity." For the first time in U.S.-Soviet arms talks, Washington's European allies are directly affected. Soviet mid-range SS-20 missiles are already targeted on Western Europe, and 572 matching U.S. warheads are to be stationed there, starting late in 1983.

West Germany led a long European battle before

statements have been unhelpful in NATO efforts to generate public support for the missile deployments.

In Geneva, U.S. chief negotiator Paul Nitze will seek a tradeoff — the reduction of Moscow's arsenal of SS-20s and other European theater nuclear missiles in exchange for fewer U.S. Cruisers and Pershings. NATO officials say he will seek to limit not only the triple warhead, mobile SS-20s targeted against Western Europe but also those aimed at China, as well as older SS-4s and SS-5s.

Although the SS-20s have insufficient range to hit the United States, they can wipe out targets across Western Europe, from Iceland to southern Italy and Portugal.

Already Moscow has hinted it will seek deep cuts in Western missiles which NATO says should not be counted among European-based medium-range weapons.

NATO officials believe Soviet negotiator Yuli Kvitinsky will try to bargain Soviet cuts not only against Cruisers and Pershings but also against British and French missiles and U.S. "forward-based systems." These include U.S. F-111 bombers based in Britain and sea missiles on ships and submarines operating close to European shores.

If Moscow tries to include these weapons in the Geneva bargaining, U.S. negotiators are expected to call for inclusion also of long-range Soviet Backfire bombers and newly-deployed SS-22s and SS-23s which can hit parts of Northern Europe.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, in an interview two weeks ago, said the Soviet Union had 975 European mid-range missile launchers against 986 deployed by the West. His claim of "approximate parity" is strongly contested by U.S. and other NATO experts who say his count of Soviet missiles is highly selective and leaves out older-type weapons and others that could be quickly moved to face Western Europe.

According to Western estimates, two-thirds of the SS-20s based in the Soviet Union are pointed at Western Europe. The rest are aimed at China and Japan. With three independently targetable war-

heads each, this represents about 540 warheads. Western experts say SS-20s are still being deployed at the rate of roughly one every five days.

The West also counts about 350 SS-4s and SS-5s, about 45 Backfires and 350 missile-carrying Badger and Blinder aircraft, with a total of about 1,700 warheads aimed at Western Europe.

The Geneva meeting will be unable to discuss actual cuts until agreement is reached on a list of weapons to be tackled. NATO officials say U.S. negotiators will offer the Soviet Union a range of options, starting with a "zero option" that calls for the dismantling of all SS-20s in exchange for a halt to U.S. deployment plans. This has already been ruled out by Brezhnev, who has offered only to scale down SS-20 emplacements even if the whole five-year program to station U.S. warheads in five West European countries is canceled.

NATO has rejected in advance a Soviet proposal that warhead stocks should be frozen at present levels while negotiations continue. With the new U.S. missiles still to be deployed, the West says a freeze would be meaningless.

Brezhnev is expected to try to exploit anti-nuclear sentiment on a visit to Bonn starting Nov. 22. Opposition to the missiles is among the most vocal in West Germany.

NATO is worried that the anti-nuclear movement may grow to a point where government leaders find it politically hazardous even to begin preparing the planned missile bases. U.S. diplomats say any such wavering would undercut their position in Geneva, and that Moscow may try to spin out the talks in hopes the missile program will be scuttled.

The Geneva talks are separate from long-delayed U.S.-Soviet strategic arms talks (SALT). The U.S. administration has frozen the 1979 SALT-II treaty and says it hopes to launch a new series of SALT talks with Moscow next February or March. SALT prospects and progress in the missile talks will be reviewed by Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Geneva in January, at their second meeting in four months. (R)

## Odds favor Muldoon in New Zealand election

By David Garvey

**WELLINGTON** — New Zealand's Prime Minister Rob Muldoon, who earned a reputation as a publicity glutton at the Melbourne Commonwealth summit, is finding his stance helpful to his ruling National Party's re-election prospects.

Latest public opinion polls take with an eye to the scheduled Nov. 28 general election show his party rating some 9.7 percent ahead of the official Labor Party opposition, its highest rating in the past three years. Labor needs only a swing of .9 percent, according to a university analysis, to become the government but with the campaign two weeks old its prospects of achieving it appear bleak.

National holds 50 seats in the 92-member New Zealand parliament, Labor 39 and the "spoiler" Social Credit Political League two. There is one independent, a Labor MP who split several months ago with his party over the issue of trade union domination.

It is of little comfort to Labor that at the last election in 1978 it achieved 40.41 percent of the popular vote to National's 39.8 and Social Credit's 16.07. Nor does it at this stage seem too helpful that the government holds 23 seats by less than 1,500 votes, five of them by less than 300. Most of these extremely marginal seats are in rural or semi-rural areas, ones in which the prime minister's tough-talking policy on the right of New Zealanders to play sport with whom they choose struck a strong and sympathetic chord.

At the opening of the campaign early this month, polls showed National holding 44.4 percent of the vote, Labor 34.7 and Social Credit 20.4. If the polls are right the government is virtually certain of re-election to a third three-year term of office.

Economics are a key part in the campaign. Muldoon and his party want to use New Zealand's large on-and-off shore natural gas resources. A synthetic petrol plant, methanol production, petrochemical industries and gas liquefaction facilities are envisaged. An expansion of the small steel industry, based on huge iron sand deposits, is planned as well as a second aluminum smelter.

Labor argues that the industrialization program is too ambitious, would rob the farming sector of development capital and place the country in hock to overseas creditors. It wants a more balanced growth program with less emphasis on industrial plant and more on expansion of traditional farming industries and horticulture.

The prime minister's record in office suggests that his domestic reputation as a sound and vigorous financial administrator is hardly justified. Inflation is running at about 15 percent this year, and bank economists predict a rate of 20 percent for next year. Muldoon blames the surge in international oil prices in 1978-79.

But although this is met with skepticism in leading financial institutions — who blame an over-abundant money supply for the high inflation rate — the prime minister's confident tone and willingness to fiercely put down opponents in argument seem to have impressed the electorate.

Labor leader Bill Rowling was cheered at an electoral rally when he declared that leadership did not carry with it a license to make a fool of the country abroad. He plans to stick with this theme. Both Rowling and Muldoon are likely to be dumped as party leaders should they be loser at the end of the month.

Muldoon leads an essentially free market oriented party but he has dragged it to an uneasy centrist position, probably a Socialist ranking by West European standards.

During the past two weeks Rowling has looked in top form in television appearances. His party seems better organized than for many years. Labor officials argue that a 10 percent lag in polls two weeks before voting day can be overcome if the electorate can be convinced Rowling would be a strong leader.

On foreign affairs, National would contribute to the Sinai peace force, but Labor hedges. National would welcome U.S. nuclear-powered warships at New Zealand ports, Labor would not. National is all the way with ANZUS (the tripartite defense pact linking America, Australia and New Zealand). Labor wants to review it. Both parties appear to want closer economic ties with Australia.

Odds favor a Muldoon victory, not least because he tames his domestic politicking to what the voter wants to hear rather than what many of his opponents think the voter ought to hear. (ONS)

# Entering space frontier the goal of large firms

By Robert Locke

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Much of Canada was explored, exploited, defended and governed by a private British firm called the Hudson's Bay Co. that spread roads, trading posts and forts through the frontier. Now a financial "futurist" predicts that multinational corporations may play the same role in space, a frontier now beyond the reach of earthly laws.

The space shuttle — which completed its second test flight Saturday — promises commercial access to space within a few years, and industry will take advantage of the opportunity, says Hank Koehn, Security Pacific National Bank's vice president for futures research.

As on the high seas centuries ago, he said in an interview just before the shuttle mission, "I think the motivation is going to be 'grab first.'" If U.S. companies don't move into space quickly, he said, other nations almost certainly will.

"Many people in Washington think our competition is the Russians," Koehn said. "I think a more viable competition — competition for producing the products in space first — is from private business interests linked to the French, the Germans and the Japanese."

For example, Koehn said, "if a Swiss pharmaceutical firm wanted desperately to get up there and corner the market on a particular drug, they might even contract with the Russians to put the thing into orbit. You could get an interesting mix of players and they don't have to be the traditional ones at all."

Space, Koehn said, could prove irresistible to a transnational consortium that "is many countries, many corporations in origin, but with little or no allegiance to its historical roots."

Some businessmen have dreamed of a transnational company buying an island and declaring itself beyond the laws of any nation. Now, "you could have that with a transspace corporation. It would claim its headquarters are in orbit and not subject to any law." Such corporations, he added, "would probably have their own military or police force."

"There are only two countries (the United States and the Soviet Union) that can enforce anything beyond a few miles up," Koehn said. "...who could control such a consortium?"

Is that vision of free-booting capitalism frightening? Not to Koehn. "I think it's free enterprise carried to its 21st Century structure. That was the whole point of the English and Dutch explorers when they went out. That was the way it was done."

Such a development remains a far-off possibility. But capitalism is already in orbit with satellites that have revolutionized communications. And Koehn predicts the shuttle's ready access to the weightless, sterile environment of space will lead to better drugs and vaccines, more efficient semiconductors for electronics and metal alloys impossible to mix on Earth.

"You'll probably do something with pharmaceuticals first," he said, since a drug laboratory could be small, lightweight and require very little energy to operate. Koehn said a major U.S. pharmaceutical firm is already preparing for just such a project.

Tapping the sun's boundless energy with a solar satellite and then transmitting the power to Earth is often discussed, but "what we overlook is that a solar satellite would have to be as big as the island of Manhattan."

Building so great a structure in space would almost certainly require mining minerals from the moon. Mining and large-scale manufacturing operations, in turn, suggest colonies of hardhats in space, an extreme version of the construction workers who ventured into the frozen wilderness to build the Alaskan pipeline, tolerating isolation and hardship for hefty paychecks.

Colonies would become permanent, and generations might live and die without ever touching Earth. "Maybe the second generation born in space would find their links with the planet corroding or only nostalgic," Koehn said. "At some point in time, they would say (just as the American colonists did), 'we want our independence.' That has always happened."

# Australian aborigines, 'settlers' in conflict

By William Branigan

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia (WP) — Every day, the aborigines troop into this central Australian town from their camps and settlements on its outskirts. Unemployed, some wander the streets looking for something to do. Others loiter around aboriginal aid offices. Many drift down to the sandy bed of the Todd river and sit around in small groups.

Concerned about rising violent crime and anxious to develop the town as tourist center, the white community of Alice Springs generally wants the aborigines to stay away. New territorial legislation has been proposed to crack down on public loitering and allow courts to banish offenders to their "home communities."

Says aboriginal leader John Liddle, "the legislation is totally aimed at getting all these horrible blacks off the streets."

The dispute is but one aspect of the friction that puts the rambunctious, pioneer town on the front lines of a racial and cultural conflict between Australia's original inhabitants and its European settlers.

As a result of that conflict, aboriginal leaders say, Australia's aborigines today suffer from some of the world's worst social, economic and health problems. Consider these findings:

Aborigines have the highest imprisonment rate of any minority in the world, according to the Australian Institute of Criminology.

Government figures show an aboriginal unemployment rate of 37 percent, six times higher than that of the general work force. Young aborigines are most affected, with 47 percent of aborigines under age 25 unemployed.

Only about 2 percent of aboriginal children currently go beyond secondary school, compared with 24 percent of white children. According to 1971 census figures, 25 percent of the aboriginal population had never attended school and 43 percent never went beyond primary education. There are now only six aboriginal lawyers in Australia, and no doctors or dentists.

Health statistics show that aborigines suffer from two of the world's highest rates of leprosy and trachoma. Tuberculosis, ear disease, bronchitis and pneumonia also are rampant. Infant mortality has been put at three times the rate of nonaborigines. In the state of New South Wales life expectancy for adult aborigines is about 52 years, 20 years less than for nonaborigines.

"Nothing shows more clearly the total neglect of aboriginal people and the racial discrimination against them by white Australian society than the alarming health conditions of aboriginal people," said a World Council of Churches report published in August.

According to aboriginal activist Gary Foley, "the health of aboriginal people makes them one of the worst-off people on the face of the earth."

In Canberra, a government spokesman said the aborigines' plight resulted from "one civilization overwhelming a culture." He added, "there's a tremendous feeling of guilt about it in the country."

In an interview in Melbourne, the minister for aboriginal affairs, Sen. Peter Baume, acknowledged a "series of underlying disadvantages in aboriginal life," but insisted that marked improvements have been made in many areas. He said he believed the report "overstated the blemishes."

Baume, who is white, also said he did not think racism was a "critical problem" in Australia, a view that aboriginal groups and their supporters vigorously dispute.

expressed in a recent television interview by mining magnate Lang Hancock, one of Australia's richest men. He said that full-blooded aborigines should be moved to an area in western Australia and "half-castes" should be sterilized. Hancock's remarks unleashed a torrent of condemnation, but one letter published afterward suggested that "the great silent majority of this country has a sneaking sympathy for his views."

In Alice Springs, a young cab driver explained the problem this way: "A lot of people here are against the aborigines because they only see the ones who come to the city, the ones rejected by their tribes. They just come for handouts."

At the Yarrenyty-Arterre Aboriginal Camp on the edge of town, Wenten Rubuntja agreed that this sort of thing was a problem. Rubuntja, the local leader of the Aranda tribe said "they work today and you see nothing tomorrow."

In fact, according to a white adviser, of about 1,000 aborigines living in camps such as this one around Alice Springs, about 40 work full-time and 40 part-time, most of them for aboriginal aid groups.

Clifford Inkimala, who lives in a tin shed in the camp with his wife and three children, said his last job was more than five years ago. Now he collects unemployment benefits, which the aborigines call "siddown money," amounting to about \$112 every two weeks. As he spoke, one of his children played nearby with a dead mouse.

Despite the efforts of the government and activist groups, the basic conflict between aboriginal and white society seems to defy solution. On the one hand, primitive tribal people have suffered greatly from a massive, often brutal assault on their culture 200 years ago. On the other, that culture stresses a life style and values incompatible with the progress that has made Australia one of the world's richest countries.

For many aborigines, it is not only a question of whether they can adapt to a modern industrialized society, but also whether they should. Those who live in "fringe camps" like Yarrenyty-Arterre are caught between the two worlds.

Although apparently divided on that question by the very facts of where and how they live, aborigines today seem to make common cause on one overriding concern: Land rights.

One of the latest issues has been ownership of the area's prime tourist attraction, the Ayer's Rock National Park. Site of the world's largest free-standing rock — called here "one of the natural wonders of the world" for the way it changes color from dawn to dusk — the park, 286 miles southwest of Alice Springs, is run by the federal government.

Earlier this month, two local aboriginal land councils said the park should be returned to its "traditional owners," who would then lease it to "an appropriate authority" for use as a park but retain a major role in its management.

"Blacks want rock," said the front-page headline on the story in the Alice Springs *Centralian Advocate*.

The dispute has not been the only source of friction lately. A policeman is currently on trial here for killing an aborigine during a brawl, and authorities are investigating an incident in March in which two aborigines died of strychnine poisoning.

Numerous other deaths have given Alice Springs the reputation of Australia's murder capital. According to residents, the town of 17,000 people has the highest murder rate per capita of any major town in the country, with most of the killings stemming from disputes between aborigines.

# Southeast Asian elephants battle for survival

By John Laird

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Southeast Asia's majestic elephant, which in centuries past carried kings and princes into battle, is now facing a battle for its own survival. From Burma across to Vietnam, and south to Malaysia and Indonesia, elephant numbers continue to dwindle each year.

Conservationists like Thailand's Dr. Boonsong Lekagul put the greatest blame on relentless destruction of forests, but also point to incidences of elephants killed for

their ivory, or even for food.

In northern Malaysia and the Indonesian island of Sumatra normally shy, wild elephants raid encroaching plantations — feeding off oil palms, sugar cane, banana and papaya trees, and bringing them into direct conflict with man.

Elephant numbers in the wild are hard to estimate, but the total of tame and wild elephants left in seven southeast Asian countries may be less than 17,000 according to various estimates.

The adjacent Indian subcontinent — com-

prising India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh — may have 15,000 or less of the same species of Asian elephant, facing the same difficulties.

By contrast, one historical source says that the ancient Cambodian empire, which at its peak about 700 years ago included large chunks of present-day Vietnam, Thailand and Laos, boasted more than 200,000 elephants.

Lekagul, at 75 the dean of Thailand's conservationists, said the number of tame elephants drops every year. Last year there were

5,232 compared to 6,629 in 1977 and 13,397 in 1950.

He believes there are fewer wild elephants than tame ones. Their breeding rate is lower in captivity, and elephants continue to be captured.

Wild elephants will be gone in 30 or not more than 40 years — unless they are given strong protection in national parks and reserves," he said. Most of Thailand's elephants are now found along the Burmese border, in national parks and in the northern Petchabun mountains.

Lekagul recalls that migrations of elephants from neighboring Burma and Cambodia, so common during the rainy season 15-to-20 years ago, are now rarely seen.

At that time it was difficult to hike without coming across herds in the thickly forested Tenasserim range, which stretches for 500 kilometers (315 miles) along the Thai-Burmese border. "During the day you could see two to three herds. At night we had to get up to shout at elephants not to walk into our tents," he recalled. "Now the forests have been cleared for cultivation."

Burmese authorities estimate there are only 500 migratory elephants left along the Tenasserim.

The forestry department in Rangoon says there are 4,000 tame elephants in Burma and about 3,000 wild ones. The latter figure is half that of 40 years ago. Most roam deep jungles in northern Achin state.

Forestry officials in Rangoon link the decline to a birth rate of 2.12 percent, compared to a death rate of 3.35 percent a year.

Tame elephants — some 2,500 owned by the state timber corporation — are indispensable for hauling out felled teak logs from dense jungle.

Although licensed persons can catch young elephants, poaching is illegal. Officials say 29 wild elephants are killed each year by ivory poachers.

Illegal poaching is a relatively small problem in Thailand because the Asian elephant has smaller tusks than its exploited African cousin.

Lekagul believes that killing for meat — even in Thailand's national parks — has increased.

"One village can use the meat for at least 3-to-4 months — much longer if it is dried," he said.

He fears that this practise has decimated smaller elephant populations in Cambodia, which faced famine in 1979 caused by political upheaval, and in Laos, an impoverished country.

Lekagul is alarmed that reported toxic chemical use against insurgents in Laos and Cambodia may also threaten wildlife. He could not estimate the elephant population in Vietnam, but believes it must have been seriously diminished by defoliants during the Vietnam War.

Wild elephants are protected in Malaysia, with about an estimated 200-to-300 left. The problem is how to preserve them and stop them from raiding crops.

In July, marauding elephants uprooted and ate 660 acres (265 hectares) of young oil palm trees, worth about \$250,000, at a large plantation.

Malaysia's federal land development authority estimates plantation damage at \$22 million in the last decade. It is now experimenting with low-voltage electric fences to keep away elephants.

Sumatra is believed to have about 300 elephants — a fraction of the herds of previous centuries. There, the problem also is a conflict with planters, who have resettled from over-populated Java and steadily encroached on the natural habitat of elephants.

Sumatra's best-protected elephants are in national parks and reserves.



BORN IN CAPTIVITY: There are now fewer wild elephants than those found in captivity and according to experts, the breeding rate is less in captivity. This premature elephant in the Copenhagen zoo is especially rare due to the fact it was born early and survived. The baby appeared pink due to its early birth.

# U.N. refugee commissioner fights uphill battle

By Jacqueline Trescott

WASHINGTON, (WP) — Poul Hartling, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees whose agency just won the Nobel Peace Prize, has a favorite story. One young Vietnamese, whose boat to freedom had broken up, was rescued by a Norwegian ship. Deciding to settle in Norway, he survived the rigors of weather and language and passed a technical examination. "In the summertime, he went by train down into Europe, got a bicycle, biked to Geneva, because he (wanted) to

see the high commissioner. He spoke to me in Norwegian. He had learned so much. That's encouraging. You have seen them in their destitute situation, but you have seen them rescued."

Sitting in a Washington office, the tall, pale man, whose concern and humor are barely hidden behind his gold-rimmed glasses, savors the success of an occupation in which the odds of winning are brutally low. He has experienced the trappings of world power as Denmark's former foreign minister and prime minister. Now he mostly sees the pit of

world misery. Over the last 30 years the agency he has headed since 1977 has resettled 25 million refugees, and the numbers keep growing. Yet Hartling's determination is continually re-inspired by the human spirit of that young man from Vietnam and thousands of others.

This fall Hartling, 66, was in Pakistan visiting the Afghan refugees. In the desert where they were camped there was nothing but rows of tents and unflinching patience. "They have only one thing in their minds, to go back, when the possibility comes, to go back in dignity. There the impression was of a proud people, very dignified," says Hartling.

Hartling, who also establishes refugee policy with both the original and host countries, dispassionately recreates his field work, carefully to walk the thin wire between the tragic reality and sensationalism, the work and his own passion.

"Sometimes there are impressions that go to the heart. Impossible to forget what you have seen," says Hartling. "If you are depressed that refugees still are coming, you cannot do the job. I sometimes say the picture is just like a hospital. The doctors see patients coming, sick people coming, if you say, 'I give up, more sick people are coming, it's hopeless. But no, if you help, more people are coming the next day, you can help some.'"

When Hartling visited a settlement in southern China this fall, his step was lighter. China had settled most of the Vietnamese refugees in state farms, but the 10,000 fishermen preferred a port location, so one was refurbished.

"One of the captains had a family of 13 people and they lived in one boat. It was 6 by 3 meters. That was the space. Now, he said, 'they gave me a flat with three bedrooms and one sitting room. The sitting room is more space than before,'" says Hartling.

Now in its 30th year, the agency concentrates on the first phase of the refugee problems, saving the displaced from starvation and homelessness. The long-range goal is repatriation or integration in other countries. In the last few years, 200,000 Burmese have returned from Bangladesh, 100,000 Nicaraguans from Costa Rica and Honduras, and 150,000 Zairans from Angola. "What we want to do is go out of business," says Hartling flatly.

Though the estimates go as high as 18 million, the agency deals with the 10 million refugees who have been displaced by natural and social upheavals, and who have registered with the agency. Right now, the agency is helping 250,000 southeast Asian refugees in Thailand, 1.7 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan, 700,000 Ethiopians in Somalia, and 500,000 refugees from various African states in Sudan. That number is only a small indication of the size of the problem — including 5 million refugees on the African continent, and the latest flood of hundreds of thousands of Salvadorans in Central America. The agency does not even work with some problem areas, like Haiti, until a host government invites its participation.

Hartling's own involvement with refugee programs started 25 years ago when he was a founding father of the refugee council of a Danish relief organization. The impetus had been the Palestinian refugees in Jordan. Then, as now, he enjoyed the small details as well as the larger philosophical questions.

After persuading drug firms to donate medicine that was outdated but still effective, he went to the shipping firms. "I said, 'you are going out anyway. Why not take a few cases? We are not going to pay for it.' That was exciting," he said.

Hartling feels that the Nobel Prize, which his agency also won in 1954 for its resettlement of European refugees, will again focus attention on the refugee problems, encourage other humanitarian organizations to participate and ease the task of fund-raising — \$365 million this year.

Hartling turns to the small encounters for his inspiration — when "some of the children begin to be naughty, which is a very good sign," he says, laughing. On his visit to Zimbabwe, he stopped by the office of the minister of interior, one of the 660,000 Zimbabweans he had helped return to his homeland. "He said to me: 'Do you remember where we met the last time, it was in Mozambique, in the camp.' He laughed," says Hartling. "When I came out of his office, in front of his door there was a typist and she also said, 'I saw you in the camp.'"

The Nobel Prize notwithstanding, those moments might be Poul Hartling's real reward.



CHINESE HARVEST: The first new fruit to be introduced to the United States in 50 years, the lychee, is enjoying a boom in popularity. Since its recent introduction to South Florida, large harvests of the fruit are being sold with great success. The lychee or litchi is traditionally a fruit grown for 2,000 years in China.

# Schmidt to arrange Big 2 leaders' talks

LONDON, Nov. 16 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was quoted Monday as saying he would attempt next week to bring about a meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

In an interview with *The Times*, Schmidt said he would make the move during next week's visit to Bonn by the Soviet leader. "I think it is necessary that they meet and understand from each other that the other guy is not a warmonger," Schmidt said.

He added the present lack of communication between the United States and the Soviet Union and the disturbing, threatening statements from Moscow and Washington were not very conducive to good sleep in West Germany.

Schmidt said he was concerned over what he said were contradictory statements by U.S. leaders about the prospects of a limited nuclear war in Europe. "I would rather like to have more harmony in the concert from Washington," he told *The Times*. "That would certainly be better for the West German audience."

The chancellor was apparently referring to U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's assertion that a NATO contingency plan existed for a possible nuclear "warning shot" to deter a Soviet conventional attack in Western Europe. The assertion was later denied by Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger.

Schmidt said: "We have some questions to put to the Russians... Why they, for instance, deployed some 250 new SS-20 missiles with three independently targeted nuclear warheads each?"

"Certainly we would also try to answer questions which the Soviets might have." It is obvious to me that they cannot clearly read all our Western attitudes and proposals," Schmidt said.

## Russian envoy's home hit

GLEN COVE, New York, Nov. 16 (AP) — A gunman pumped a dozen bullets into the home of the Soviet ambassador to the United Nations, shattering windows but causing little damage and no injuries, police said.

Ambassador Oleg Troyanovsky and his wife were not home at the time of the attack, which occurred sometime between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, said Nassau county detective Hank Grynewicz. Members of Troyanovsky's staff may have been at the house when the shooting occurred, he said.

On Sunday, a man who would not identify himself telephoned the Associated Press and said the Jewish Defense League was responsible for the shooting. "The attack was done on behalf of the Soviet Jews, and we are going to do everything we can to get them free at any expense," he said.

# Soviet espionage in U.S. 'considerably increased'

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Soviet espionage operating in the United States has increased considerably in recent years, *Newsweek* magazine reported in its latest issue.

There are 350 Soviet agents working in the United States for the KGB (secret security police operating in the USSR and abroad) and the GRU (military intelligence), the weekly said.

Soviet diplomatic missions in the United States have been equipped with ultra sophisticated surveillance equipment which enables the Kremlin's agents to listen in on communications to and from the Pentagon

(Defense Department), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and military bases, *Newsweek* said.

The magazine printed a photo of the nest of aerials on the roof of the Soviet Embassy, and said they were used to monitor top-secret American communications.

The KGB was said to have three directorates in the United States. One undertook assignments ranging from collecting high-technology information to spreading "disinformation." Another concentrated on electronic surveillance. A third specialized in trapping Americans into working for the

Soviet Union.

Alexander Jakkowski, who detected from the Polish mission to the United Nations, was quoted as saying a number of Polish emigres had been signed up as KGB spies either out of love for that country or for fear of reprisals against relatives still in Poland.

A separate section, working out of the embassy, handled "dirty work" such as liquidating defectors and planning sabotage in the event of war, *Newsweek* said.

The three U.S.-based KGB chiefs were said to be Dimitri in Washington, Vladimir Kazakov in New York, and Aleksander

Shilyayidze in San Francisco. The west coast operation kept a special eye and ear on the Mare island nuclear submarine base and the "silicon valley," a concentration of electronic specialty firms working on defense contracts.

The Reagan administration has become increasingly concerned about technical espionage and has also tightened up inspection and controls on the export of "sensitive" equipment. Up to \$1,500 million worth of high-technology hardware and components are believed to be shipped without proper clearance from the United States to the Soviet bloc each year.

## Armenian group threatens French

PARIS, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Armenian militants appear to have declared war on France.

French authorities were Monday snarled into the Turco-Armenian conflict with the arrest of four Armenian militants who attacked the Turkish consulate here last September and the arrest last Wednesday of a suspected Armenian terrorist "Dimitriu Gargiu."

A group calling itself "Orly," which has already claimed responsibility for the recent anti-French bomb attacks in Beirut, Sunday demanded the release of Giorgiu, otherwise it said "French diplomats around the world will be targets."

As a result of a telephoned threat to the Beirut office of Reuters news agency that an Air France airliner would be blown up, an emergency alert was declared Sunday night for all France flights.

The situation has not been eased by the strange way that French authorities have handled Giorgiu, a 32-year-old man traveling with a false Cypriot passport who was arrested as he was about to board a Middle East Airlines flight to Beirut.

A court decided to release him for "reasons of expediency" a decision taken at a high state level — but this was reversed at the last minute and he is being held in prison. Police have discovered an ominous fact about his passport.

For the main suspect in the bomb attack on the Copernic synagogue on Oct. 3, 1980 which killed four, also had a false Cypriot passport and its serial number is almost identical to that held by "Giorgiu" except for one digit. Giorgiu has been charged with entering France with false travel documents.

But when he was stripped and searched by airport authorities they discovered that he bore a newly healed bullet scar on his right arm, which could link him with a terrorist attack on a Turkish diplomat in Rome last month. In this attack, claimed by the "Secret Armenian Army for the Liberation of Armenia," the diplomat, who was only wounded, fired back and wounded his assailant in the right arm.

## Ethnic Germans held in Moscow

MOSCOW, Nov. 16, (R) — Eight Soviet ethnic Germans were seized in Moscow's Red Square Monday when they tried to demonstrate for the right to emigrate to the West, eyewitnesses said.

The group, which included men, women and a small child, was surrounded by police in uniform and plainclothes only seconds after gathering near Lenin's mausoleum and unfurling protest banners, according to the witnesses.

Police grabbed the banners, one of them reading "We Want to go Home", and then bundled the group into a waiting van. The protest was the second staged by ethnic Germans in Red Square this year.

Nearly two million Germans are in the Soviet Union spread throughout central Asia after being exiled from their settlements on the Volga River by Josef Stalin. About 100,000 have applied for the right to emigrate to West Germany.

According to figures published in Bonn, the Soviet authorities have drastically reduced the number of exit visas.

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Sydney house ransacked

Greek consul found murdered

SYDNEY, Nov. 16 (R) — The Greek consul general in Sydney was found murdered Monday—trussed up and stabbed, with a long-bladed knife sticking in his back. Police said Constantine Giannaris, 47, had been stabbed in the neck and back and also had a head wound. His legs were tied with a belt and his hands bound behind him with electric flex.

The body was found by a cleaner and two members of the consulate staff who went to search for Giannaris after he failed to arrive for work Monday morning.

Part of the house had been ransacked and a stereo system stolen, police said. The consul's official car was also missing but was found after police sealed off the area and launched a search assisted by a helicopter.

Police said there was nothing so far to suggest a political motive. But they said the way Giannaris had been tied up was similar to the method used in the killing of a 41-year-old Sydney man a month ago.

Representatives of Sydney's large Greek community said Giannaris, a bachelor from Athens, was reserved but well-liked and apparently had no enemies. He had been posted in Sydney since 1979.

The death came nearly a year after the assassination in Sydney of the Turkish consul general and his bodyguard, who were shot by two masked men as they drove to work from an area near Giannaris' home. An Armenian guerrilla group claimed responsibility for the killings but the gunmen were never captured.

Senegambia union agreement reached

PARIS, Nov. 16 (AP) — Senegal and the small country that it surrounds on three sides, decided over the weekend to form a confederation to be known as Senegambia, reports reaching Paris Monday said.

The agreement came following a visit by Senegal President Abdul Diouf to the Gambian capital of Banjul, the reports said. The two nations announced plans for a loose union three months ago and then worked out details that will be presented to their parliaments for approval.

The two west African nations will remain sovereign, the accord says, but will integrate their security and communications systems. They will also form an economic and monetary union and coordinate foreign policies.

Senegal, former French colony, is a nation of 5.3 million on the bulge of west Africa. Gambia, a former British colony with a population of 600,000, is a strip of land 16 kms wide that extends like a finger 320 kms into Senegal's interior.

Some Form of integration between them was first discussed 20 years ago but became almost inevitable following the intervention of Senegalese troops to put down Marxist-led coup July 30 against Gambian President Sir Dawda G. Jawara, who was in London attending Prince Charles' wedding. Senegal intervened under a 1956 mutual defense treaty that allows it to send troops if its national security is endangered by events in Gambia. Diouf said in an interview with the Associated Press Sept. 7 that the union would be completed by Jan. 1, 1982. He is expected to be president of Senegambia and Sir Dawda vice president.

India welcomes Cuban envoy despite charge

NEW DELHI, Nov. 16 (AP) — India Monday accepted the credentials of Cuba's new ambassador despite a pending lawsuit charging that the envoy was a secret agent for the Soviet Union in Ethiopia.

President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy welcomed Ambassador Jose Perez Novoa to India and said in a statement that "India and Cuba have worked together closely in the cause of world peace and greater international cooperation in various world forums, including in the nonaligned movement."

Presenting his credentials, Perez Novoa said the "fruitful bilateral ties" between India and Cuba and their participation in the nonaligned movement proved that the two countries' relations are "indestructible."

The Delhi high court has fixed Thursday for a ruling on a petition filed by an opposition lawyer, seeking to have Perez Novoa barred from India. In his suit, the lawyer said the ambassador was expelled from Ethiopia in 1978 for involvement in a plot to overthrow the Ethiopian government on behalf of the Soviet KGB.

Hong Kong subway 'purified' by Chinese

HONG KONG, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Chinese exorcists were called in Monday to rid a Hong Kong subway station of a female ghost, following a suicide that the authorities say never happened in the first place.

Eyewitnesses insisted they saw a woman dressed in red leap in front of a train last week, but officials said no suicide could have taken place because no body was found. They said the woman probably fell between the rails and then climbed up unhurt and disappeared in the excitement.

Exorcists were nonetheless called in after Chinese language newspapers theorized that the woman was the "ghost" of a previous successful suicide. And in deference to traditional Chinese beliefs, a ceremony to "purify" the modern subway station was held there Monday.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — British Labor Party leader Michael Foot and deputy leader Denis Healey had wide-ranging talks here Monday with Lionel Jospin, secretary-general of the French socialist Party. They discussed Britain's attitude to the European Common market, the political situation in France and Britain, world disarmament and security.

SAN REMO, North Italy, (AFP) — The massive San Remo Casino fraud trial opened here Monday in the local covered race track because the 119 accused crooks were too numerous to fit in the city court's dock. They are charged with swindling the San Remo Casino, the biggest in Italy, of the colossal sum of 100,000 million lire (about \$90 million) over the past five years. The casino management became suspicious about annual takings because despite the fact that there were 400,000 entrants, in 1980, takings were one-third less than other Italian casinos, which had only half this number.

PARIS, (AFP) — Walter Lini, prime minister of Vanuatu (formerly New Hebrides), arrived here Monday from London for a six-day visit. His six-man delegation was met at the airport by French Foreign Ministry officials.

SALISBURY, (AFP) — Foreign ministers of black Africa's front-line states are to meet Tuesday in Tanzania following the visit by a delegation from the Western contact group on Namibia to Africa three weeks ago. Zimbabwe's Herald newspaper said Monday that Botswana's foreign Minister Archie Mogwe arrived here Sunday night and announced that the meeting had been called by Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere, front-line chairman. The Western group is expecting a response from the front-line states soon and the meeting in Dar Es Salaam offers the front-line states their first opportunity for a face-to-face exchange of views on the group's initiatives.

NEW YORK, (R) — Tarzan's first Jane is dead. Actress Enio Markey, who swung on jungle vines in the original 1918 silent film, died in a Long Island hospital Sunday at the age of 95. Her acting career spanned 60 years.



RALLY FOR PEACE: Nearly 100,000 Spaniards fill up a main parking lot at Madrid University Sunday as a pacifist rally is held, focusing opposition to Spanish plans to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. More than 200 political, trade union and citizen groups took part in the rally for "peace, disarmament and freedom."

White House knew of gift in advance, says Japanese

TOKYO, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — A senior executive of a Japanese women's magazine said Sunday he understood that the White House knew in advance his magazine would provide a sum of money after an exclusive interview with Nancy Reagan. He said gifts like the \$1,000 that eventually reached White House aide Richard V. Allen were customary.

The acknowledged receipt of the money by Allen, President Ronald Reagan's chief national security adviser, is under investigation by the U.S. Justice Department. The White House announced the payment Friday after the newspaper Mainichi Shinbun published a story saying Tokyo police had investigated payment to an unidentified top White House official.

Allen said he had not solicited the money, but had "intercepted" it, locked it in a safe rather than cause embarrassment to the reporters or Mrs. Reagan, and forgotten it until it was discovered by others.

Mainichi, quoting Japanese police reports, said in the article that a magazine editor who was present at the Jan. 21 interview with Mrs. Reagan heard someone utter the word "honorarium?" as she was leaving the room when it was over. Hearing that, the editor presented a company envelope containing money to a man she thought was an aide to Mrs. Reagan, but she did not know whether the man was Allen, Mainichi said.

The magazine's decision to make such a contribution and the amount deemed appropriate were agreed upon beforehand at a meeting of Shifu-No-Tomo's editorial staff, Katsura Ishizuka said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

"It was understood in advance that some of the money would be given to a charity by the White House," said Ishizuka, who is a director and general manager of the monthly magazine.

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Hinckley tries to kill himself in military cell

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — John W. Hinckley Jr., awaiting trial on charges of attempting to assassinate President Ronald Reagan, tried to hang himself in a military prison Sunday but was cut down by U.S. marshals, the Justice Department said.

Department spokesman Tom Decair said the 26-year-old Hinckley was taken to the hospital at Fort Meade, Maryland, where he had been confined, and was described Sunday night as in satisfactory condition. Decair said Hinckley would be held at the base hospital overnight for observation.

Asked if Hinckley was actually hanging for any period of time, Decair said he was, but did not know how long. "He has no serious injury of any kind," Hinckley was "semiconscious" when he arrived at the base hospital emergency room, Decair said.

It was the second time since Hinckley's arrest March 30 that he has made an apparent attempt to harm himself. On May 27, while jailed in Butner, North Carolina, Hinckley took an overdose of tylenol, an aspirin substitute, and was taken to the prison infirmary.

Decair said Sunday's incident occurred at 4:55 p.m. (2155 GMT), when Hinckley "tried to hang himself with an article of clothing."

Hinckley used a rolled-up jacket which he wrapped around a bar in the outside window of his cell, Decair said. Marshals saw what Hinckley was doing when he began and immediately tried to stop him but could not get into the cell because the door lock would not work, according to Decair.

The marshals reached into the cell from an exercise yard outside to cut Hinckley down, the spokesman said. Decair said marshals will investigate the incident, including checking whether Hinckley may have disabled the lock.

Hinckley was confined in a single cell under the observation of U.S. marshals who have watched him around the clock since the May 27 incident. "It was because he was under 24-hour watch that the attempt was unsuccessful," Decair said.

Hinckley is scheduled to go on trial Jan. 4 in U.S. District Court in Washington on a 13-count federal indictment charging him with attempted assassination of Reagan and with wounding Reagan, a secret service agent, a Washington policeman and White House press secretary James Brady. Asked if the incident would delay or affect the trial, Decair said he did not think it would.

An extensive FBI investigation has concluded that Hinckley, who was arrested moments after the shooting outside the Washington Hilton Hotel, acted alone. Hinckley has pleaded innocent.

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## Hints at tax hike

## Reagan aide sees jobless hit 9%

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — U.S. unemployment may return to a post-World War II peak of 9 percent before President Ronald Reagan's policies start working to produce vigorous economic growth, the chairman of the president's council of economic advisers has said.

The official, Murray Weidenbaum, also indicated the administration may have to consider new tax increases for 1983 and 1984 to limit swelling budget deficits.

Weidenbaum declared his total confidence in the Reagan economic program when asked about the skepticism expressed by Budget Director David A. Stockman in a magazine article released last week.

Stockman submitted his resignation to the president because of those remarks, but Reagan decided to keep him on the job after Stockman expressed total faith in Reagan's program.

Weidenbaum acknowledged Sunday he held some of the same reservations that Stockman expressed in the magazine article, which was based on a series of interviews over the past 11 months. He said that in retrospect, earlier economic forecasts by the administration were "optimistic." He suggested that new savings in the defense budget and new tax increases should be considered in dealing with budget deficits, and that Reagan's tax cuts must be bolstered by budget cuts for his program to work.

Referring to Democrats in the U.S. Congress expressing doubts about the credibility of President Ronald Reagan's economic program and accusing Budget Director David Stockman of deceiving Congress and the administration, Weidenbaum said Reagan should stick to his original plans for large spending and tax cuts to revive the economy.

Weidenbaum, who was interviewed on CBS network's "Face the Nation," said Reagan's program "is already working," an apparent reference to a falling inflation rate.

"An unfortunate consequence of winding down the inflation that had beset the economy for decades is the current recession, and, yes, I expect the current unemployment rate unfortunately to continue to rise during the recession...well above 8 percent," he said in his most bearish forecast yet.

Asked if the jobless rate could climb to the 9 percent peak of the 1975 recession, he replied: "It could, conceivably."

Unemployment surged from a summertime level of 7.3 percent to 8 percent in October, leaving 8.5 million Americans out of work. A rise to 9 percent would mean another 1 million people unemployed.

The only other time unemployment has been so high was when the nation was pulling out of the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Rep. James R. Jones, Democrat of Okla., chairman of the House Budget Committee, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the Reagan economic program is "a Rude Gold-

berg mixture" whose parts are "inconsistent and therefore unworkable."

The congressman said Democrats will review the results of the president's economic policies early next year and, if current unfavorable signs continue, will propose an alternative that probably will include delaying the third step of Reagan's three-year tax cut. The main goal, Jones said, is to correct the underlying causes of inflation.

Although Weidenbaum's unemployment forecast was gloomier than any he has issued in recent weeks, the White House economics adviser stressed he still believes "very strongly...that the second half of 1982 will not only be a period of expansion but one of the most vigorous periods of economic growth in recent years."

## Brazil faces uphill task to set economy right

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 16 (R) — Brazil is struggling to emerge from one of its deepest economic crises ever.

In advance of major elections planned for next year, the country is grappling with inflation running at over 100 percent, foreign debt that is fast approaching \$60 billion and remorselessly rising unemployment.

The rapid growth of the 1970's has run out of steam and some government officials say the economy, once noted for its rapid expansion, may not grow at all this year.

Antonio Delfim Netto, the planning minister and economic overlord, shows no sign of abandoning a basic tight-money policy apart from moves to create jobs and stimulate certain sectors of the economy. The military-led government seems undeterred by the economic crisis. Generals and congressmen are unstinting in pledging continuation of a political liberalization program. Political prisoners were granted amnesty, five parties were allowed to be established and censorship was eased.

When President Joao Figueiredo, who is closely identified with the reforms, suffered a heart attack in September, the military was quick to support his civilian deputy, Aureliano Chaves. The elections in November next year are the broadest since the armed forces seized power in 1964. Brazilians will choose both houses of Congress, the state governors and assemblies, and municipal officials. But the outcome of next November's election is clouded by Brazil's grim economic climate.

The only real bright spots in the economy are a trade surplus and a decline in inflation. But the recession continues to weigh heavily on the lives of Brazil's poor. Growth this year is likely to be the lowest for 40 years, increasing the problem of unemployment in cities, says economist Mauricio Dias.

Central Bank President Carlos Langoni said economic growth this year would not be more than one percent, a sharp decline from the 1980 rise of eight percent. Finance min-

"A year from now, we should be looking at a much stronger economy and one with much less inflation," he said, predicting that inflation would average "8 percent or less" in 1982. The inflation rate was 12.4 percent in 1980 and is expected to be around 10 percent this year.

A number of Senate Republicans and Stockman have been pressing in recent weeks for new sources of tax revenues to narrow depending budget deficits resulting from a weakening economy and the record cut in income-tax rates that Reagan won from Congress this year.

Weidenbaum said the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, is not the time for tax increases, given the recession and the need for tax cuts to stimulate a recovery.

istry officials are more optimistic, predicting that the growth will be between one and three percent.

One of the country's major headaches is meeting payments of \$16 billion to foreign creditors this year as repayments and interest charges on its foreign debt. Official figures show exports this year will only about \$24 billion.

Gen. Figueiredo, who is due to resume office this week, is undaunted by the economic crisis. He aims to keep his promise to restore democratic freedoms, with elections set for 12 months from now despite the chances of an opposition victory.

The economic climate has made the outcome of the election difficult to predict because the slowdown has taken its heaviest toll on the poor. Riots broke out recently in the northeastern town of Salvador over rises in

## Italy wilts on staff threat to expose secrets

ROME, Nov. 16 (R) — Italy's government, struggling to contain rampant inflation, has conceded a 30 percent pay rise to striking workers who threatened to reveal national secrets.

Strikers, mostly students and unemployed white collar workers waiting for state jobs, were taken on as temporary enumerators last month to distribute and collect forms for Italy's national census, taken every 20th year.

About 80,000 were signed on by local authorities. The agreed rate of pay was 2,000 lire (\$1.70) a form.

But only days after the Oct. 21 opening of the census campaign, enumerators in every major city went on strike demanding higher rates and permanent employment. Their strike, backed by threats to make public con-

## OPEC talks to focus on ties--Nguema

ALGIERS, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) Secretary General Saturnin Marc Nan Nguema has said here that the forthcoming OPEC long-term strategy committee meeting in Vienna next Saturday would "revise certain points in that strategy."

Arriving here for talks with Algerian Energy Minister Belkacem Nabi, Dr. Nguema said that current OPEC long-term strategy "did not satisfy all member countries."

These points, he said, notably concern co-operation, relations between OPEC countries, between OPEC and developing countries and between OPEC and industrialized states.

Homeless people occupied land in the south of Sao Paulo city several weeks ago but were forced to leave. In the northern state of Para, there was armed conflict between squatters and large landowners, two French priests face trial on charges of encouraging violence in land disputes.

One major bank asked in a recent newsletter: "Just how far is a prolonged and severe recession socially acceptable in an economy where the population is increasing and where there are no benefits for the unemployed?"

Official unemployment soared in Sao Paulo to 7.9 percent at the end of August from 4.4 percent at the end of 1980, while in Rio De Janeiro it rose to 8.9 percent from 6.5 percent.

Confidential census information, sparked fury in the press, deep embarrassment in the government, and fears that the entire census would be compromised.

Headlines in the conservative Milan daily *Il Giornale* branded the enumerators as saboteurs, and a government spokesman confirmed press reports that ministers discussed bringing in troops to collect the completed forms. "The institutional, economic and social importance of the census is such a to justify recourse to every administrative and contractual weapon to overcome unjustified obstructionism," the government said in an initial statement condemning the strike. But after an emergency meeting last week between Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini and Interior Minister Virginio Rotari, the

## World Bank helps Rabat to tap shale oil deposit

LONDON, Nov. 16 (LOS) — The World Bank is about to lend Morocco between \$15 million and \$25 million for development of shale oil technology. This represents the World Bank's first involvement in an oil shale project and underlines growing foreign interest in Morocco's pioneer role in extracting heavy oil from sedimentary rock. It also marks out a path for energy development which could revolutionize the prospects of many Third World countries without conventional oil resources.

Morocco has few conventional oil reserves of its own, and has been badly hit by rising oil prices and an increasingly burdensome energy import bill. But it does claim to possess the world's fourth largest reserves of shale oil deposits (after the United States, Brazil and the Soviet Union).

The north-west African kingdom now plans to spend almost \$1 billion over the next five years developing these reserves in the hope of achieving energy self-sufficiency by the end of the century.

These sums are certainly large for Morocco — whose economy has been sapped by the Sahara war and two years of drought. But American experts in Rabat are skeptical about both costs and time-scale. "The Moroccans are over-optimistic," said one. "They are unlikely to produce oil in commercial quantities before 1990. And the expense will be far higher than that so far projected — as we in the United States have found to our cost."

The World Bank loan will cover only a fraction of the estimated cost. But it will be devoted to the vitally important job of assessing the technical feasibility of shale oil exploitation under Moroccan conditions. A \$13 million pilot plant will soon be constructed at the Timahdit reserves, 100 kilometers south of Fez, which should become the nucleus of a large scale commercial complex to come on stream by the mid-

1980s. With its high nitrogen and sulphur content, shale oil cannot be sent directly to a normal refinery for processing. First of all, the shale rock must be heated to very high temperatures in order to 'sweat out' the crude oil. The Timahdit pilot plant is using the so-called T-3 (after Tangiers, Tarfaya and Timahdit where the largest reserves are located) which the Moroccans have adapted from various existing American systems with the help of Science Applications Incorporated of Colorado.

Foreign oil companies from the United States and Western Europe are showing considerable interest, however. The Royal Dutch Shell group took on a feasibility study at the Tarfaya deposits this summer. A company spokesman stressed the extreme importance of developing alternative fuel sources and gaining experience of adverse conditions.

## Uganda raises interest rates

KAMPALA, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Uganda's Central Bank Monday announced sharp increases in interest rates and almost doubled the interest on treasury bills and deposits. The new rates are effective immediately.

The bank rate rose from a minimum of 8 percent to ten percent. Interest on treasury bills maturing in 35 days jumped from six to eight percent and the interest rate on savings deposits went up from five to eight percent.

The bank also raised ceiling on lending rates from 12 to 17 percent a year and doubled the interest on one-year term deposits from six to 12 percent. The rates for deposits of more than one year will be negotiable, bank officials said.


The interest rate hikes were apparently aimed at bringing the country's rates structure into line with international prime rates, and to reduce the money supply.

## S. Africa to buy 6 U.S. boilers

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Combustion Engineering of the United States Monday booked a contract worth 780 million rands (\$850 million) from the South African Electricity Supply Commission (ESCOM) for six boilers, each rated 600 megawatts, to be installed at a east Transvaal power station.

The contract, for a plant provisionally coded "Station C", is the biggest ESCOM has placed so far with an American company.

In August this year, ESCOM placed a contract with the West German consortium Stein Industrie-Evt for six boilers totaling 3,600 megawatts to be installed at Matimba plant in the north Transvaal.



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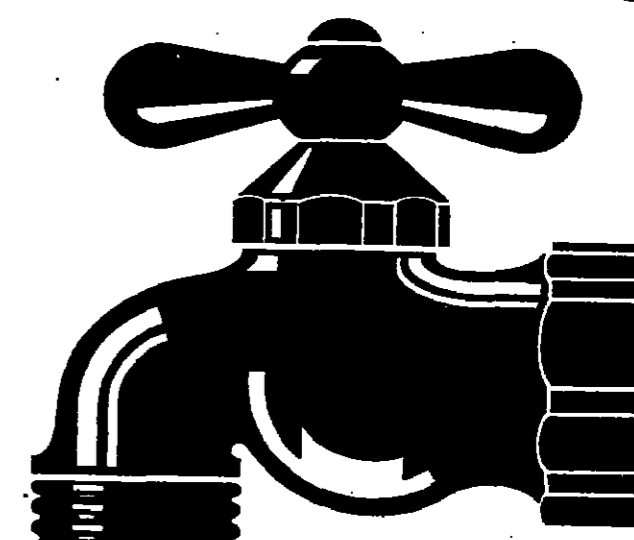
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# Tehran allays fears on crude output front

LONDON, Nov. 16 (R) — Iranian President Ali Khamenei has said Iran's oil production was good and the country was not hard pressed for foreign exchange, the official Pars news agency reported.

In his second message to the nation since his election on Oct. 13, the president said Sunday: "The enemy was trying to cause trouble for the Iranian economy by instigating oil purchasers not to buy Iranian oil," Pars said.

He added, however, that the country's oil production was good and "there would be no problems regarding customers," the agency reported. The president said the country was not hard pressed for foreign exchange.

imports." Pars quoted him as saying people in another dispatch, Pars quoted Iran's revolutionary prosecutor-general, Hojatoleslam Hossein Mousavi, as saying people guilty of economic crimes "may be executed, imprisoned, have their limbs cut off or their assets seized."

The prosecutor-general said the government believed "a number of traders, non-Muslims or traitor Muslims sympathetic to imperialism and the previous regime" were implementing plans to bring about Iran's economic collapse. "We consider this to be a counter-revolutionary act... such offenses should be decisively stopped," Pars quoted him as saying.

# Freight market looks up

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AFP) — A growing feeling that this year's steep decline in freight rates had bottomed out, led to more demand on the freight market last week, noticeably in the Far East. Nevertheless there were still some soft pockets.

Japanese charters were reported to be looking for Panama tonnage (60/80,000 tons, capable of transiting the Panama Canal) for prompt delivery and willing to pay firmer rates. Meanwhile, an unconfirmed \$6,500 day was paid for a 73,350 tonner for a round voyage Japan-Australia-Japan, or \$750

more than in September.

The time charter section was much busier than usual, usually a sign that a rate rise is expected. Chinese charters were more active, booking at least six vessels from Canada and the United States. The South Koreans and the Brazilians were others prominently involved.

But the few gains reported were balanced out by the lower rates elsewhere with the continuing influx of new building, swelling the already existing tonnage surplus. The absence of any large-scale coal movements, often the backbone of the winter trade, was a major factor behind the current depression.

Demand for U.S. grain still offered regular employment, although rates varied quite sharply. The U.S./Europe grain rate (often considered the barometer trade) moved sharply higher when \$13.90 per ton was paid to a \$5,000 tonner, a gain of \$2.40 over end of October business.

On the other hand, the U.S./Japan grain rates eased with \$21.50 paid for 30,000 tonners (down 50 cents) and \$21.25 for 50,000 tonners (down \$1.50). The Great Lakes' business was much quieter as the end of season approached.

But the U.S. Atlantic ports were busy, with trading, including several 25,000 ton grain shipments to Egypt at \$24 a ton, \$4 less than was paid to a prompt vessel two weeks before.

The U.S. Pacific/Japan grain rates moved up to \$12.05 a ton for a 50,000 tonner, until an unchanged \$11 was paid.

Indian government charters maintained an active program for fertilizers, paying an unchanged \$13 per ton out of Aqaba (Jordan).

U.S. coal fixtures included a 55,000 tonner to Spain at \$15.25 ton (up \$4.75 on a month ago), but nothing was arranged to Japan. Sugar offered a little more variety to the list with a marginal fall in the Mauritius/UK rate, a marginal rise in the Brazil/USA rate, but a sharp drop in the South Africa/Japan trade.

# Spain, hit by drought, rations water

MADRID, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Strict water rationing has been ordered in 150 communities totaling 1,300,000 people in central and southern Spain, amid the worst drought conditions in living memory.

The land has become increasingly parched over the past few months, and the public has been ordered to draw water only a few hours a day. In some places water is available only one hour a week.

Press reports Monday told of agricultural losses \$1 billion. The grain and olive crops are estimated 40 percent down on the 1980 figure.

Many dams supplying water to power stations have fallen to half their usual level, the "energy loss" being put at \$600 million.

Rural populations in the south are drilling new wells in the hope of getting water. Meanwhile, tankers are delivering it by road.



LAUNCH: The new BMW 525i showing the more steeply shaped bonnet was launched this week in Dubai, the U.A.E. in a special ceremony that was the first of its kind outside Germany. The company aims at emphasizing the growing importance of the Gulf and Saudi Arabian markets for their cars. Dealers and newsmen from various countries in the region were invited to attend the ceremony and testdrive the car over long distances.

# Syria plans offshore oil hunt

DAMASCUS, Nov. 16, (R) — Syria is planning to focus the next phase of its oil exploration program on offshore drilling in its sector of the eastern Mediterranean, oil and mineral resources Minister Abdul-Jabbar Al-Dahhak said Monday.

He said Syria, which produces about 180,000 barrels a day and is a member of the organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (O.A.P.E.C.), was interested in receiving tenders for exploration rights from foreign companies.

Dahhak told Reuters in an interview his

ministry had been involved in preliminary discussions with a number of firms and talks had progressed with one of them. Seismic surveys off the Latakia coast had already been done and that was required now was to sink some wells, he said.

"Oil has already been found up the coast off Turkey and we think there is a good chance of finding some in Syrian waters," he said. "We are negotiating now with a Swedish company that is operating in the Turkish zone and is interested in moving south," he added, without going into details.

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Dahhak blamed technical difficulties for a delay in opening the Tripoli section, which has been out of use for several years, but acknowledged that transit fees still had not been settled.

# Brazil to expand ties with Kuwait

KUWAIT, Nov. 16 (AP) — Brazilian Finance Minister Ernane Galvera Monday conferred with Kuwait's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah on means of bolstering economic ties between the two countries.

Galvera, who arrived earlier in the day for a three-day official visit also conferred with the Finance Minister Abdul Latif Al-Hamad on prospects of carrying out joint ventures and means of attracting Kuwaiti investments to Brazil.

Galvera, who accompanied by 55-member delegation including government officials and private sector businessmen, told reporters upon his arrival that he was visiting Kuwait for the first time to establish personal contacts with Kuwaiti officials on means and ways of promoting and expanding ties between the two countries in all fields.

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# London stock market

LONDON, Nov. 16 (R) — U.K. government bonds closed firm, although below their days highs, while equities drifted lower, dealers said. At 1500 hours, the *Financial Times* index was down 12.5 to 506.7.

Bonds closed with gains of up to 1-1/4 point at the longer end amid market hopes of further falls in U.S. interest rates. Equities were led lower by electricals, which had GEC down 23p to 729p. Other leaders fell by up to 12p.

Gold shares fell at most 350 cents following the dip in the bullion price, while U.S. and Canadian were mixed to lower.

Government bonds rose amid strong early buying, dealers said. Disappointment at no reduction in the Bank of England's money market intervention rate and light profit-taking left longs around 1/4 point below best levels. Shorts closed 1/2 point ahead of Thursday's tender for the new 14 percent 1987 stock. Industrial leaders saw falls of between 8p and 10p in Glaxo, Hawker Siddeley, BOC and ICI in insurances. Royal was down 15p at 360p after 353p following interim profits below market expectations. Other insurers eased at most 6p, while banks shed up to 10p. BP and Shell eased by 6p and 10p respectively in lower oils.

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# Financial Roundup

## Dollar rates forge ahead

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — The American currency opened stronger than European Monday exchanges. The only exception was against the British pound which rose to 1.9240 levels before falling back after profit-taking. Gold and silver continued to trade lethargically with gold prices fluctuating at \$412 per ounce levels. Eurodollar interest rates fell back during the session, but exchange dealers attributed the dollar's stronger performance to the belief that U.S. dollar interest rate falls might slow down for the next few days until the American budget deficit situation becomes clearer.

On the local markets, rial deposits remained stable in quiet business that saw some slight firming in the short tenors.

Some profit-taking and belief that the dollar interest rate slide had eased for the time being brought the dollar up again on the European exchanges after it had closed Friday. Eurodollar deposit rates eased by about 1/16 percent in the shorter tenors taking the one-month deposit rates for the dollar to 13 - 13 1/16 - 13 3/16 percent. On the whole, the money markets were quietly awaiting American reaction to further dollar moves when the New York markets open, and European dealers said little business was done.

The situation on the exchange markets was different with dealers scrambling for

dollars in fairly hectic trading at times. The German mark which had closed the weekend at a fairly comfortable level of 2.2170, saw the dollar rise to 2.2340 at some stages before Bundesbank dollar sales stabilized the rate at 2.2310 levels. The French franc lost 300 points to the dollar on Monday, trading at 5.6200 levels compared with Friday levels of 5.5900. The yen was also weaker at 227.40 levels compared to previous closings of 226.70. The only currency to rise against the dollar was the British pound which went up from Friday's 1.9125 to 1.9260 at one stage. Later profit taking pushed down the price to 1.9180 in London.

The local markets reacted cautiously to the dollar's rises, with rial deposit rates hardly changing much from opening levels. The only noticeable difference was in the short dates where rates firmed by about 1/4 to 1/2 percent but even this was not evenly quoted over the market. Most dealers were willing to sit and watch the New York outcome like their European colleagues. Week-fixed rial rates were quoted at 6 - 7 percent, slightly up over Saturday levels of 5 - 6 percent, while the one-month hardly moved from opening levels of 7 1/2 - 8 percent quoted by brokers.

The one-year period was quoted at 12 1/2 - 12 3/4 percent, but little action was seen in the longer tenors. On the exchanges, spot dollar/rial was quoted at 3,4190-05 but later went up to 3,4200-10 on the dollar's strengthening in Europe.

# Soviet allies face oil slash

BUDAPEST, Nov. 16 (AFP) — The Soviet Union plans to reduce oil exports to at least two of its Warsaw Pact allies, according to sources here.

Cuts to Hungary, reported unofficial sources, amount to one to two million tons per year, or nearly a quarter of the country's 8.3 million ton import level in 1980. Local oil production amounts to about two million tons.

Czechoslovak Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal said last month that his country might be forced to reduce its imports of Soviet oil by 12 percent. In 1980, Prague bought 19 million tons of oil from the Soviet Union.

Strougal warned that one of the effects of the reduction could be power cuts, such as

those experienced in Poland for several years.

Such reductions would seem at odds with Soviet commitments to its allies. When asked about oil supplies last July at a Comcon meeting, Nikolai Fadeyev, the group's general secretary, said Moscow would not under any circumstances reduce deliveries to its partners.

The reports also came at a time when East-bloc nations were having increasing energy problems.

# Foreign Exchange Rates

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.09	9.095	
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	14.90
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	—	68.20
Canadian Dollar	—	—	298.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	153.00	152.95	
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	—	140.10
Egyptian Pound	—	3.75	4.13
Emirates Dirham (100)	94.50	94.30	
French Franc (100)	61.95	60.80	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	61.10
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.72
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	28.95
Italian Lira (10,000)	30.00	15.25	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	—	10.33
Jordanian Dinar	10.30	10.135	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.25	12.18	
Lebanese Lira (100)	74.75	74.25	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	65.50	65.30	
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	34.68
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	42.85
Pound Sterling	—	6.61	6.595
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.30	94.15	
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	166.40
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Qara Rural Complex in Sale of a 50 x 50 square meter fuel station in Khawr Jouf		—	200	26.11.81
Al-Qaryat Governorate	Construction of a fence around the residence of the governor	190	50	18.11.81
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones	Supply of laser sheets	120340	500	4.11.81

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##### 1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arr. Date
8.	Interharmony	baghdadi	Bagged Barley	13.11.81
10.	Atalaya	Gulf	Timber/General	12.11.81
12.	Golden Bahrain	El Hawi	Contra/General	11.11.81
15.	Amal	Sadaka	Loading Cars/Gen.	"
18.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	13.11.81
19.	Grecian Legend	Alsebah	Bulk Cement	"
20.	Damodar Ganga	Alsaada	Barley/Wire/Trucks	"
21.	Interactivity	Baghdadi	Bagged Barley	8.11.81
22.	An Hsing	O.C.E.	Steel/Timber/Gen./Contra.	10.11.81
24.	Marin 'X'	El Hawi	Steel/General	"
25.	Spartan Reefer	O.C.E.	Reefer	5.11.81
26.	Concordia Sun	Alsebah	Contra/General	13.11.81
28.	White Nile	A.E.T.	Contra/Ro Ro/Gen.	14.11.81
29.	Edinburgh Universal	Star	Reefer	13.11.81
30.	Hebe	O.C.E.	Reefer	"
39.	Haj Mahmoud	El Hawi	Timber	14.11.81
40.	Condor	El Hawi	Timber	"
43.	Al Bara	Basmadah	Bagged Wheat	7.11.81
Ro Ro	Marjan	Atar	Ro Ro Units/Timber	14.11.81

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Figaro	S.F.T.C.	Vehicles	14.11.81
Ukok	Atar	Contra/Gen.	"
Marjan	Atar	Ro Ro Units/Timber	"
Kairo	Atar	Containers	"

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5.	Saudi Eagle	Ori	Steel/Gen.	12.11.81
6.	Asar	SAITE	Bagged Rice	18.11.81
7.	Ming Giant	Kanoo	General	13.11.81
10.	Gui Yang	Ori	Loading Urns	14.11.81
12.	Sang Jin	SEA	Gen/Timber	12.11.81
13.	Aegle Heroic	Alsaada	General	9.11.81
14.	Agasias	Alsaada	General	14.11.81
15.	Alasarna	SMC	Reefer	14.11.81
18.	Maccasar Maru	Gosaibi	General	14.11.81
19.	Tibati	UEP	Barley	12.11.81
20.	Trin Culo	Kanoo	Bulk Bentonite	13.11.81
24.	Anangel Might	SEA	Containers	14.11.81
28.	State of H.P.	Alireza	Gen/Contra	9.11.81
29.	Union Caribbean	Saite	Bagged Rice	11.11.81
31.	Ionian Reefer	Ori	Reefer	14.11.81
32.	Pegasus	Ori	Steel Bars	10.11.81
33.	Apex	UEP	General	13.11.81

# BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (AFP) — American steel firms believe they can prove that steel imports are prejudicial to them, *Iron Age* magazine said here. The U.S. government has begun proceedings against France, Belgium, Brazil, South Africa and Romania for unfair practices in parts of the steel export trade to the U.S. The Foreign Trade Commission needs to show that prejudice exists, before other duties can be imposed.

PARIS, (AFP) — A 1926 Rolls Royce Phantom which Paramount Studios allotted to actress Jean Harlow will be among veteran cars auctioned Dec. 16 at the Peugeot Company premises near the Arc de Triomphe. Others cars in the sale include a

1939 Bentley which raced in the Le Mans 24-hours, a 1924 Delage, a 1930 Hispano Suiza and a 1929 Isotta Franchini.

SOFIA, (AFP) — Exports of complete plants to the Third World account for one quarter to one third of Bulgaria's exports, Foreign Trade Ministry figures showed here.

PARIS, (AFP) — Matra Monday announced agreement with Datapoint for a link-up between their data processing subsidiaries, whose products are seen as complementary. Activities of the Datapoint subsidiary inforex will come under the wing of Matra Informatique.

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**Abdul-Jabbar does the trick**

# Lakers nip Pacers in exciting match

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AP) — After a rocky start, all looks well in Hollywood again. The Los Angeles Lakers won just one of their first four games, prompting reports of suspension on the team, with coach Paul Westhead's job reportedly in jeopardy.

But that was last week's news. The Lakers, 6-4, are now red hot, with their 124-123 double overtime victory over the Indiana Pacers Sunday night making it four straight wins and moving them within one game of the Portland Trail Blazers in the Pacific Division. The four victories, coming in the space of five days, were by a total of eight points.

"It was a big, big weekend," magic-Johnson said. "We've getting it done offensively, and in the last couple of minutes, defensively. That's why we've come out with some big wins."

In the only other National Basketball Association games played Sunday night, the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Blazers 110-105 and the Milwaukee Bucks nipped the Cleveland Cavaliers 98-96.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's free throw with eight seconds left in the second overtime period gave the Lakers the victory. Abdul-Jabbar's foul shot came 27 seconds after Los Angeles rookie Kevin MacKenna's 18-foot jump shot tied the game at 123.

Los Angeles blew an eight-point lead in the final two minutes of regulation play. Indiana rookie Herb Williams hit a short jump shot with four seconds left to send the game into overtime tied 109-109.

In the first overtime, the Pacers took a four-point lead with three minutes left, but the Lakers got the final four points of the period on shots by Mitch Kupchak and Johnson to send the game into a second overtime deadlocked at 115-115.

**Spurs 110, Blazers 105:** After ripping off seven straight victories to open the season, the Portland has now dropped three in a row. Mark Olberding led a 26-7 San Antonio sput in the third quarter as the Spurs, 7-1, came from behind. George Gervin led the Spurs with 23 points and the Blazers, playing without the injured Kermit Washington, Kelvin Ransey and Kevin Kunnert, were led by Jim Paxson's 26 points.

**Bucks 98, Cavaliers 96:** Sidney Moncrief scored 12 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter as Milwaukee wiped out a seven-point deficit. "The team needed a spark," Moncrief said. "And our outside shots weren't falling, so I just decided to challenge their big guys. Our quickness just wore them down." James Silas led Cleveland with 21 points.

**Windies score 226-run victory**

# Rick Darling foils in vain

ADELAIDE, Nov. 16 (AFP) — The West Indies opened their Australian tour with a crushing 226-run victory over South Australia at Adelaide Oval.

Set a mammoth 452 run target to win, the South Australians collapsed in their second innings for 225 after openers Rick Darling and Kim Harris had figured in a 141-run opening stand.

But once Darling (88) and Harris (49) lost their wickets, former Test batsman and South Australian captain David Hookes found it a hopeless task to even try and salvage a draw.

Darling's innings was a classic with eight boundaries included in his 154 stay at the crease, during which time he faced only 84 deliveries.

In front of Test selector Ray Lindwall, Darling must have enhanced his prospects of gaining selection in the Australian team to meet Pakistan in the opening Benson and Hedges World-series Cup match in Melbourne on Sunday.

Harris, making his state debut, followed his first innings score of 19 in 153 minutes with a patient 49 in 170 minutes. However, once Darling had lost his wicket, the entire South Australian team collapsed for only another 84 runs in just 134 minutes.

revealed after the match that it would be a race against time if he was to play against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket ground on Saturday. Richards has an eye ailment and the hold him Monday he would be in discomfort for another week.

However, Richards said he would do everything in his power to take the field on Saturday, even if still suffering from discomfort. Richards said the opening match against South Australia was satisfying. Fast bowlers Clarke, Croft, Garner and Marshall had a solid work-out, while several batsmen had also benefited.

Hookes was upset afterwards that the West Indies fast bowling brigade had bowled short pitched deliveries at his tail-enders, and complained in an official report that the umpires should have stepped in.

**Score-board**

West Indies (1st innings) 294,  
South Australia (1st innings) 79,  
West Indies (2nd innings) 236 for 5 decl.  
South Australia (2nd innings):

R. Darling c Murray b Garner 88  
K. Harris c Murray b Croft 49  
J. Crowe b Croft 9  
W. Phillips lbw Garner 10  
D. Hookes c Murray b Marshall 42  
P. Sleep lbw Garner 0  
G. Wright lbw Garner 1  
K. Winter b Garner 4  
S. Rankson c sub (Dujon) b Marshall 0  
R. Dugan not out 0  
D. Sayers b Marshall 0  
Extras 225  
Total 226  
Fall of wickets: 1/141, 2/154, 3/156, 4/193, 5/193, 6/201, 7/222, 8/222, 9/222.  
Bowling: Clarke 10-0-43-0; Croft 21-1-86-2; Garner 18-6-45-5; Marshall 12-3-29-3.

Hookes played enterprisingly to reach 42 before being given out caught behind, but afterwards he claimed the ball had struck him on the shoulder.

The destroyer for the West Indies was "big bird" Joel Garner, who finished with five for 45 off 18 overs. Garner broke South Australia's middle-order when he obtained lead decisions against Wayne Phillips (10), Peter Sleep (0) and Kevin Wright (1) within the space of six deliveries without conceding a run.

Viv Richards, who led the West Indies,



John McEnroe, in one of his tantrums on court

# McEnroe faces three-week suspension

**Fined \$700 for bad behavior**

WEMBLEY, Nov. 16 (AP) — John McEnroe, fined \$700 after court antics in the Benson and Hedges Championships, said Monday he will not appeal and will go through with an automatic three weeks suspension.

"I have lost every appeal I have made," McEnroe said. "I feel frustrated and I will not appeal any more. McEnroe was toppled by Connors 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, in a stormy final Sunday.

McEnroe was disciplined for breaking a television microphone with his racket. The fines sent him above the statutory limit of \$5,000, which under Grand Prix rules automatically puts him under suspension. He has ten days in which to appeal to the Professional Tennis Council, otherwise the ban will come into operation.

McEnroe said he believes a Grand Prix suspension would leave him free to play for the United States against Argentina in the Davis Cup final at Cincinnati, Ohio, December 11-13.

"The Davis Cup rules say I must be in

good standing with my national association," McEnroe said. "I am in good standing." But tennis officials at the Wembley arena said that he was wrong and that the ban would apply to the Davis Cup.

McEnroe would not admit the penalties slapped on him Sunday were deserved. "I hit my racket into the microphone and my strings broke," he said. "That's what I was fined for. It's absurd."

Connors defended McEnroe. Both in a public interview on court at the presentation ceremony and a press conference later. He said the players were subject to too many rules and restrictions. "If they gave us a little more rein. These things might not happen," Connors said. "The rules have got the players frustrated."

Connors added that disciplinary measures have little effect on the millionaires of the tennis courts anyway. "You fine us, and the fines don't matter," connors said. You can suspend us, and we'll make more money than if we played in the tournaments. They could put us out of the game,

and then the game would suffer."

The Grand Prix suspension rule applies to accumulated fines for "minor offenses." The fines that have mounted up against McEnroe do not include one of \$5,000 for "aggravating behavior" during his triumph at Wimbledon last summer.

Wimbledon recommended \$10,000 and the Professional Tennis Council halved it. McEnroe filed an appeal, which is to be considered by an independent three-man tribunal in New York next Friday. "I will be in Florida," McEnroe said. "I don't have to attend the hearing. I'm leaving it to my lawyers."

He has nine days of exhibition tennis lined up, and that will not be affected by any suspension. "I'm tired, and I would be quite happy to play tennis again until the Masters tournament in New York in January," McEnroe said.

McEnroe had won the Wembley title three years in a row and had won 19 straight matches in this tournament until Connors stopped him.

# New Zealand cueists impress

NEW DELHI, India Nov. 16 (AP) — D.M. Meredith, New Zealand's top player, narrowly beat Australia's S.L.R. Thomson 1,149-1,026 Sunday at the 23rd World Amateur Billiards Championships in the Indian capital.

In another close contest, David Sneddon of Scotland went down 1,103-1,136 to A.K.B. Giles, also of New Zealand. Giles had century runs of 102 and 162 while Sneddon rattled up a sole century of 104.

Former world champion Michael Ferreira of India, one of the best international cueist, continued his winning spree Sunday, humbling Sri Lanka's No. 2 S.M. Sha Arwardi 2,677-657 on the fourth day of the 13-day tournament.

Ferreira, who recently recovered from a torn chest muscle, chalked up three double century breaks and six century breaks averaging 41.34 points per inning. His big breaks were: 118 (in the 12th visit), 171 (16th), 210 (20th), 210 (32nd), 132 (41st) 210 (43rd), 103 (44th), 168 (46th) and 143 (50th).

In another match, Australian No. 1 George Gamim jr. beat J.W.H. Boteju of Sri Lanka 1,296-1,128 in a close race. Gamim could score only a single century break.

Egypt's leading cueist E.A.A. Amro tamely lost to S.B. Agrawal, India's second-ranked player, by a big margin. The Indian scored four century-breaks in his 1,535-262 win over Amro.

In an incomplete game, Pakistani Lateef Amir Bux, making his international debut at New Delhi, led England No.2 Bob close 696-558 at the end of the first two-hour session.

# Lendl qualifies

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AP) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and John McEnroe have qualified for the \$400,000 eight-player Volvo Masters Tennis Championship which will be held in New York's Madison Square Garden beginning Jan. 13.

Tournament officials said leaders for the other six berths are Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina, Jimmy Connors, Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, Eliot Teltscher, Roscoe Tanner and Yannick Noah of France.



STINGING LEFT: Soviet Union's Victor Rybako drives a left into Venezuela's Luis Garcia's face during lightweight semifinal bout at the World Cup Boxing Championships in Montreal Sunday.

# Williams records quick win

MONTREAL, Canada, Nov. 16 (AP) — Carl Williams of the United States needed only 21 seconds to knock out Nam-Hee Kim of South Korea Sunday night in the 91-kilogram heavyweight class semifinal in the World Cup Boxing Championships.

The South Korean was floored following a flurry of devastating rights from Williams, the North American heavyweight champion.

In the other 91-kilogram match, the Soviet Union's Alexander Iarubkin won a unanimous decision against Luis Castillo of Ecuador.

Bulgaria's Rafa Lomski won a unanimous decision over John Rafferty of Canada in a bruising welterweight battle. The defeat left Canada with only two medal hopefuls at the championships, which unite nine continental teams and the host country.

The North American and European team represented by the Russians emerged tied for the lead in the team standings with 16 points after the competition Sunday night. Two points are awarded for each semifinal victory. Europe is represented by two teams: the Soviet Union and Bulgaria.

Lomski will face Serik Konakbaev of the Soviet Union, fighting for the first European team, for the 67-kilogram gold medal Wednesday night. Konakbaev had no difficulty wearing down Louis Howard of the United States in a unanimous decision.

Russian Yuri Torbek and Jose Gomez of Cuba, who joined with United States, to form the North American team, qualified to meet in the 75-kilogram middleweight final.

Torbek gained a split decision over Australian Douglas Sam, while Gomez stopped Aomr Tabar of Iraq, fighting for the Asian no. 2 entry.

# Saudia Vets go down fighting

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — BD's All Stars, five down in the seventh, staged a magnificent rally to beat Saudia Vets 11-10 and force a three-way tie at the top of the 'A' Division of the Jeddah Softball League during the weekend. Parsons-Daniels, the third team beat Saudia Tech 14-5.

In a thrilling encounter, the All Stars lived up to the coining of the large crowd. With Steve Gilmore's power into the center field, good for three bases and Larry McTroyer's right field smash, the BD's tied the Vets 3-1 on the season.

IBH maintained their winning sequence in the 'B' Division Coral section, but not before sweating it, beating Mobil 5-4. Whittacker got the better of Parsons II 14-13. Raytheon trounced Bedix 11-1.

In another exciting match, DATAC, led by Robert Rogers, fought back to beat Embassy-Setco 12-10. But in their match against winless PCS, they failed to impress and carved out a narrow 6-3 victory. In other matches, Lockheed downed Sogex 5-4 and Corps beat Raytheon ADS 13-8.

In the only 'C' Division encounter during the weekend, Lockheed Blue Angels beat Corps 8-6.

# PAK 4 routs Dunes

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Nov. 16 — Following their 20-0 victory last week, PAK 4 took an one time Jeddah Bridge League leaders Dunes Club and beat them by a convincing 14-6 margin during the weekend.

The question on everyone's lips is whether this is the beginning of a major comeback by the team. Next week's match with British Steel will perhaps show.

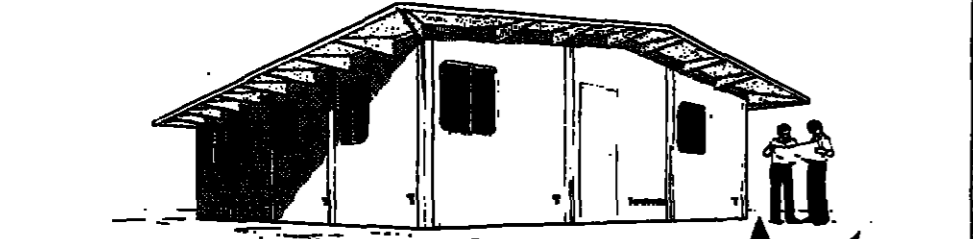
British Steel are now leaders following their 13-7 defeat of KALIA White. As in their Dunes Club match, British Steel were down at the halfway mark and pulled back. KALIA White had themselves to blame as they failed to win single hand in the second half.

KALIA Green won over Gray Mackenzie-Halcrow after almost conceding the match due to an expected shortage of players. CAMPA overtook Dunes for second place in the league standing by winning at home to IAL 12-8.

Mobil scored their second win of the season at home to Armaska by winning 12-8.

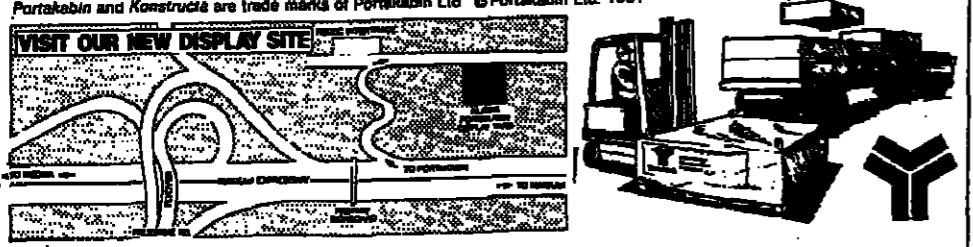
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Fighting knock by Miandad

Australians poised for victory

PERTH, Nov. 16 (AP) — The Pakistani batsmen showed far greater defiance against the Australian pace attack on the fourth day of the first Test at the WACA ground on Monday, but the side is on the brink of an inevitable defeat.

Zaman cheaply. And then off-spinner Bruce Yardley proved his worth by dismissing Miandad, Majid Khan for a duck and Wasim Raja for 48.

was living dangerously and he had let-offs at 10 and 11 after slashing wildly at balls outside the off-stump.

Score-board table with columns for Australia (1st Innings) 180, Pakistan (1st Innings) 62, and various player statistics.

Javed Miandad, Lillee in flare-up

PERTH, Nov. 16 (AP) — Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee Monday night was fined 200 Australian dollars for kicking Pakistan captain Javed Miandad on the fourth day of the first cricket Test at the WACA ground.



Javed Miandad. We would have rubbed him out. There are many who are making it appear that Dennis is the only one who has done anything in this game.



Dennis Lillee. He obstructed Miandad, then pushed him and then kicked him. This is Test cricket. It is not holiday cricket. It was probably done on purpose.

Matt Bahr takes Browns past 49ers

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (AP) — Cleveland's Matt Bahr snapped San Francisco's seven-game winning streak, the longest in the National Football League this year, with a 24-yard field goal 43 seconds from the gun Sunday, giving the Browns a 15-12 victory over the 49ers.

Jenkins, The Falcons, last year's NFC West champs, are 5-6. So are the Rams, who couldn't contain Pete Johnson. The Cincinnati fullback scored on runs of three yards and one yard and caught a three-yard pass from Ken Anderson for another TD.

caught a three-yard pass for a third as the Broncos, surviving the loss of starting quarterback Craig Morton, beat Tampa Bay to retain their two-game lead in the AFC West.

NFL standings table with columns for American Conference (Eastern, Central, Western Divisions) and National Conference (Eastern, Central, Western Divisions).

Tampa Bay 24-7, Kansas City clipped Houston 23-10, St. Louis silenced Buffalo 24-0, Green Bay beat Chicago 21-17 and Washington nipped the New York Giants 30-27 in overtime.

Cleveland trailed the 49ers 12-5 midway in the final period. But they tied it with 6:46 to go when Brian Sipe hit Reggie Rucker on a 21-yard touchdown pass.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — Two Renault 5 turbos will compete for the first time in Britain's gruelling RAC rally — the final event in the World Rally Driving Championship Calendar — from November 21-25. They will be driven by the French firm's top drivers Jean Ragnotti, this year's Monte Carlo Rally winner, and Bruno Saby, the 1981 French Rally Champion.



BRILLIANT SAVE: Mexican goalkeeper Prudencio Cortes stretches completely to bring off a brilliant save during their World Cup qualifying match against Canada in Honduras Sunday.

Canada holds Mexico in lackluster tie

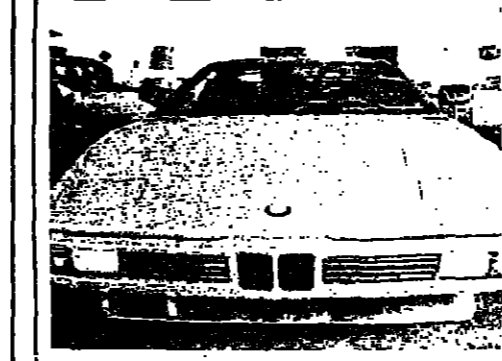
TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Nov. 16 (R) — Canada and Mexico drew 1-1 Sunday to stay in contention for a place in the 1982 World Cup Soccer finals. But it was a result that most benefited host-nation Honduras, leaders of the six-nation North and Central America and Caribbean (CONCACAF) playoffs which will send two teams to the finals in Spain.

Greenwood delays naming World Cup soccer squad

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AP) — England manager Ron Greenwood is expected to name his most experienced team to play Hungary in the important World Cup Group Four qualifying match at Wembley Stadium Wednesday night.

The England manager was expected to name his line-up Monday morning, but delayed his decision until Tuesday. Meanwhile, Northern Ireland soccer captain Martin O'Neill declared himself a doubtful starter for a match he describes as one of the most important of his career.

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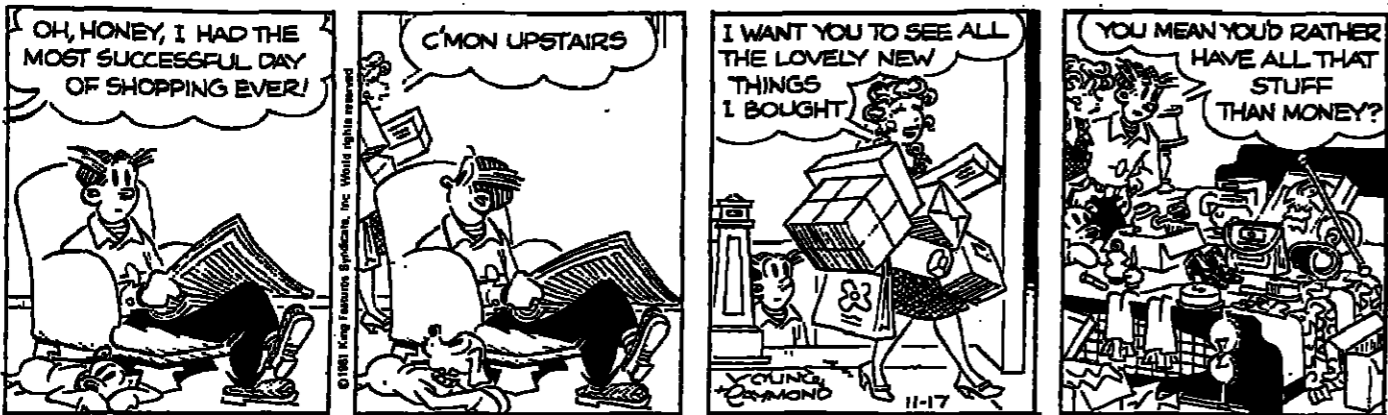
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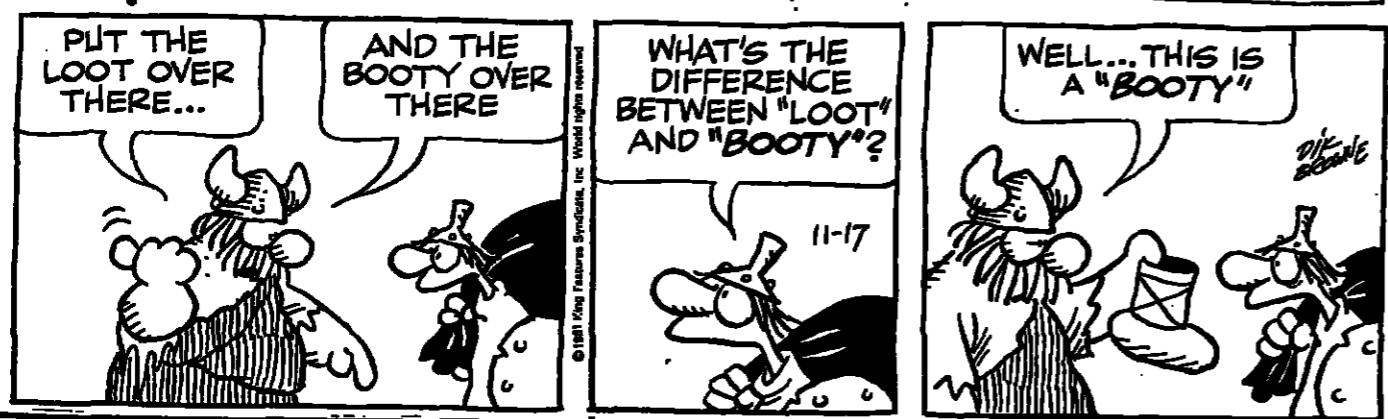
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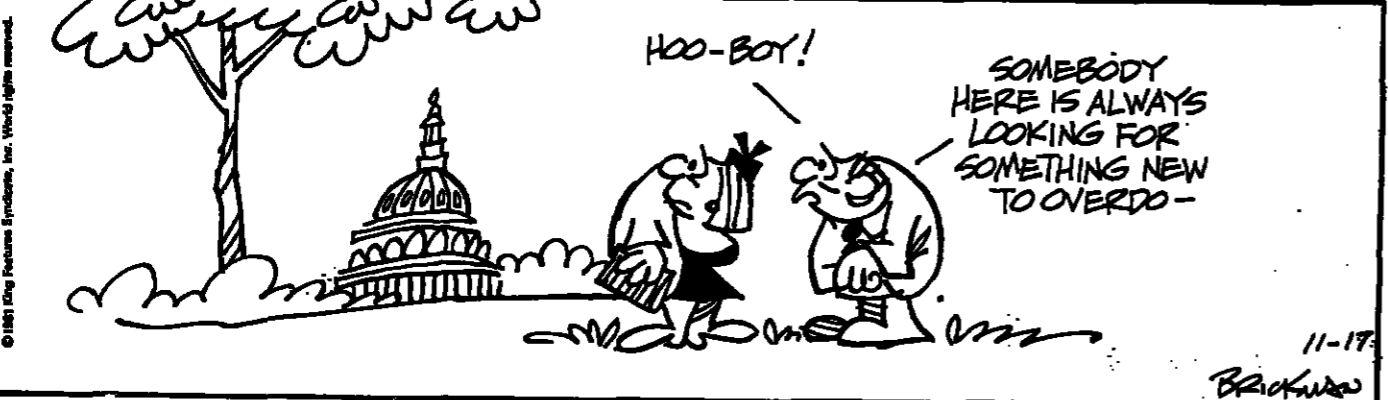
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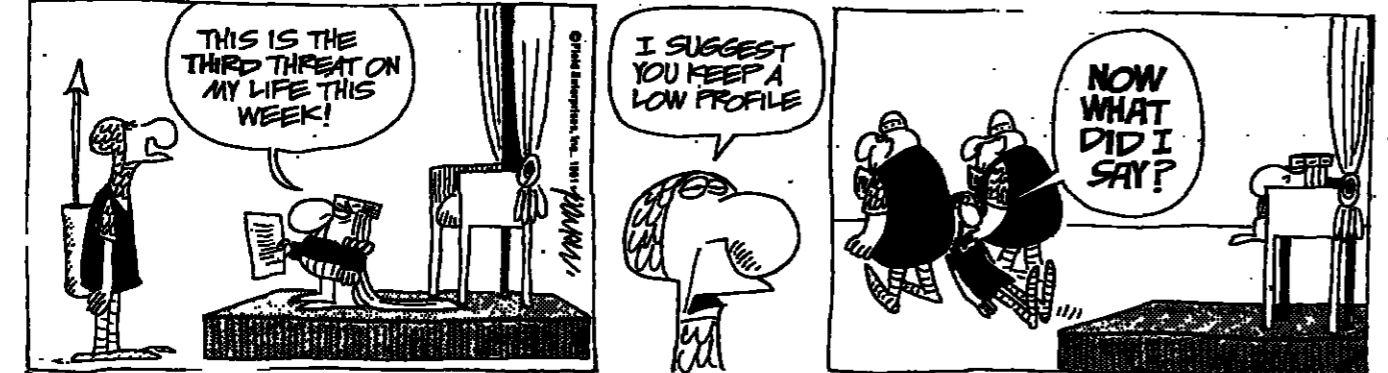
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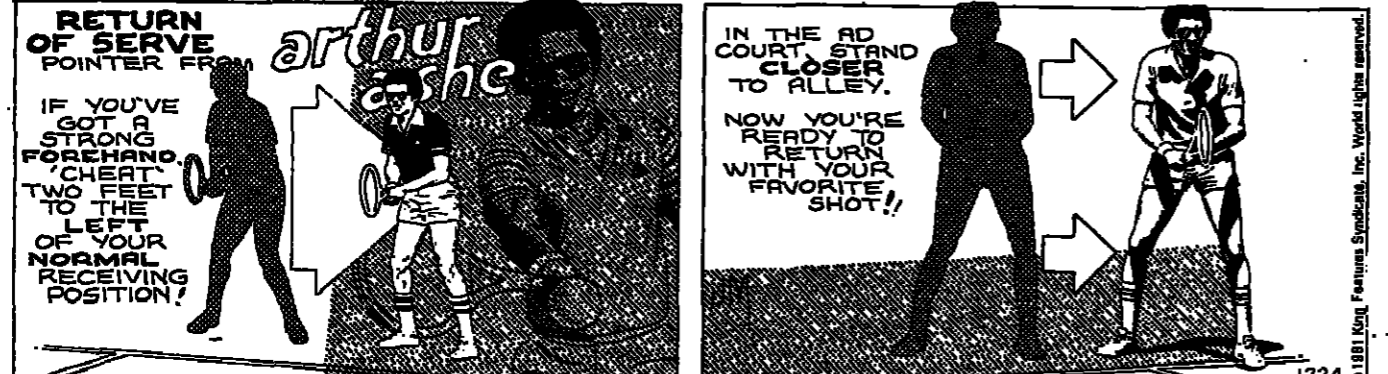
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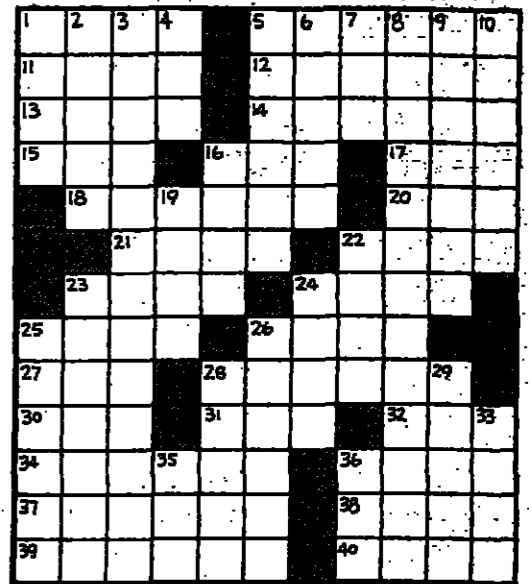
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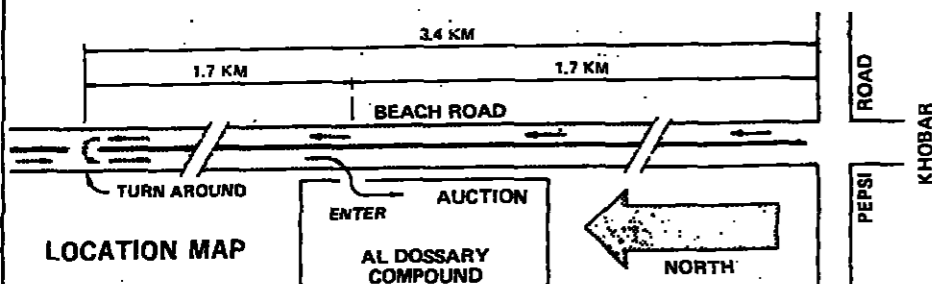
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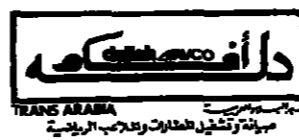
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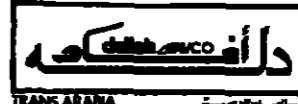
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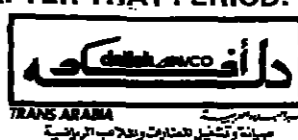
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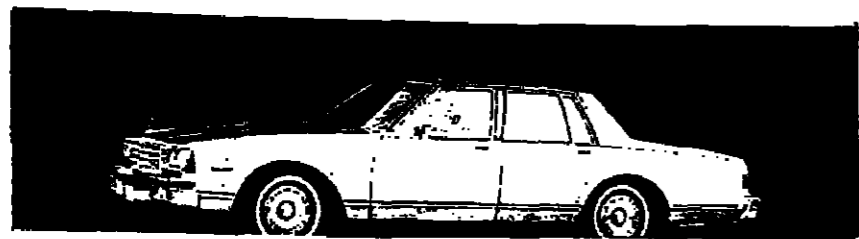
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## Big hunt launched for IRA arsenal

LONDON, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — Scotland Yard Monday began an extensive search for 500 pounds (227 kgs) of Irish Republican Army explosives hidden in the British capital, police announced.

All police leave in the capital was canceled as officers and bomb-sniffing dogs started combing more than 300,001 lockup garages and other buildings.

Scotland Yard Deputy Assistant Commissioner George Rushbrook told a news conference the gelignite cache, believed to be stashed by IRA guerrillas, was sufficient to make 50 bombs.

Three persons have been killed and 37 injured in bomb attacks in London in the past six weeks. Police have made no arrests.

In Oxford, Thames Valley police chief Peter Imbert said officers from his town and three countries bordering London have joined the search.

In London, Rushbrook told reporters: "There is an Irish terrorist group operating in London and we have strong grounds to believe they have access to something like 500 pounds of explosive material."

The search for the IRA arsenal is the largest of its type ever launched in the capital and surrounding counties, Rushbrook said.

He said police believe the explosives, which would fill 14 large suitcases, were hidden in one building.

Two civilians were killed Oct. 10 when a nail bomb blasted a busload of Irish guards. A week later a senior British officer, Lt. Gen. Stuart Fringle, commandant of the Royal Marines, was maimed in a car bomb blast outside his London home, and on Oct. 26 a bomb disposal expert was killed by a bomb planted in a fast food store in the London's West end.

Last Friday, IRA guerrillas bombed the unoccupied London home of British Attorney-General Sir Michael Havers.

The mainly Roman Catholic IRA has claimed responsibility for the attacks as part of its campaign to oust Britain from Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland and reunite it with the Republic of Ireland.

In Belfast, Protestant legislators, denouncing British pleas to "keep calm," announced Monday they will set up vigilante-type groups unless Britain cracks down on the outlawed IRA.

"We have a plan for mutual protection, the establishment of an effective communications network," James Molyneux, leader of Northern Ireland's largest Protestant party, the official Unionist Party, told a news conference. "We have invited the government to do that, but if the government doesn't do it, it will be done anyway."

Molyneux summoned reporters amid growing Protestant anger following Saturday's killing in Belfast of a Protestant member of the British Parliament, Robert Bradford, by IRA guerrillas.

Molyneux, flanked by other Protestant leaders, described Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary James Prior as "incompetent and foolish."

"The law-abiding people of Northern Ireland have been brought to boiling point by Mr. Prior's insulting request to keep calm while the IRA butcher us."

Prior appealed Sunday to Protestants not to take the law into their own hands to avenge the murder of Bradford.

Prior said in a radio interview that the IRA was determined to cause the maximum amount of civil unrest and urged everyone to remain calm and not be provoked.

The Dublin-based president of the Methodist church in Ireland, the Rev. Ernest Gallagher, also called for moderation. "We should not allow ourselves, any of us, to be trapped in a vicious circle of retaliation and counterretaliation," he said in a sermon in a Belfast church.

### Storms kill 11

SEATTLE, Washington, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Eleven persons were dead and eight missing as a result of storms that lashed the western and eastern coasts of the United States this weekend.

Since Friday, what the national weather service has called the worst storm to hit the United States since 1962, has been raging on the west coast.



TIDAL FLOODING: A resident of Manahawkin, New Jersey, paddles a canoe Monday to get from his house — surrounded by about two feet of briny water from Barnegat Bay — to high ground where he has parked his truck. A full moon and strong offshore winds have brought tidal flooding to U.S. coastal areas.

## Margaret, Schmidt to discuss unity

LONDON, Nov. 16 (AFP) — A West German-Italian move to strengthen European unity, a reform of European economic Community agricultural policy and the EEC budget will be the focal points of talks here Tuesday and Wednesday between West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, British officials said Monday.

The second meeting this year between the two heads of government — the first took place at Chequers, Mrs. Thatcher's official country retreat, last May 1 and 2 — also

should stress the increased need for closer links between Bonn, London and Paris, the officials said.

Closer links can promote cooperation on budget reform and joint agriculture policy, the officials noted.

At the previous meeting, which followed the election of President Francois Mitterrand in France, fears were expressed that Paris might modify its foreign policy, particularly concerning NATO and East-West relations, but Whitehall sources Monday noted that this was not the case.

Despite their differences over questions concerning steel and fishing, Bonn and London appeared to be in complete agreement on three issues. They were:

- A ceiling on the EEC budget contributions of Britain and West Germany, the community's two leading financial backers.
- A reform of joint agricultural policies, which have generally cost the EEC about 70 percent of its budget outlays.
- A maintaining of the EEC financial package to one percent of the 10 member nations' value-added tax receipts.

But observers meanwhile stressed that the West German financial burden had become heavier, while the British appeared to be paying less, both because of a drop in the value of the pound and because of better management of the agricultural policies.

EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn said Friday after talks with Mrs. Thatcher, that the net British contribution to the European budget would amount to 260 million pounds (\$468 million), about a third of the figure that had been originally proposed and rejected by the British prime minister.

But this happy development for Britain appeared highly unlikely to soften Mrs. Thatcher's resolve to seek a detailed reform of the EEC budget, in hopes of finding a permanent solution acceptable to all member nations.

The British were, however, apparently not underestimating the difficulties they faced in reaching such an understanding. Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg and the Netherlands have expressed opposition to any far-reaching changes and France has also shown some reluctance.

## Policemen hurt in Frankfurt riot

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Nov. 16 (AFP) — A total of 106 police personnel were injured in clashes at Frankfurt airport with tens of thousands of ecologists demonstrating against a project to clear nearby forest land to build a new runway, official sources indicated Monday. About 100 demonstrators were arrested.

The violence started shortly after 12:30 P.M. Sunday, the deadline which the ecologists had set for the Hesse state to call a halt to the runway project pending a referendum.

The demonstrators built barricades on the main access roads to the airport, setting fire to some of them. Nearby at the 250-hectare site of the projected runway police fought the ecologists with tear gas and water cannon. Air traffic was not interrupted, the sources said.

For the past 10 years ecologists have lashed the project to enlarge Europe's largest international airport at the expense of forest land, but have lost 12 successive lawsuits against the state.

## Bodard gets Goncourt prize

PARIS, Nov. 16 (AFP) — France's literary season was opened Monday with the award of the prestigious 79th Goncourt prize to 67-year-old Lucien Bodard, a noted writer on the Far East, for his novel *Anne-Marie*.

Bodard is well-known in France as a leading foreign correspondent who spent decades in the Far East and has written numerous books on Indochina and China under Mao Tse-tung.

The Goncourt guarantees sales of at least 250,000 copies, and is considered the only French literary prize able to change an author's life overnight. The Goncourt prize itself is worth a mere lunch and 50 Francs (about \$9).

His winning novel describes his life when his mother, the Anne-Marie of the title, brought him back to be educated in France while his father remained at his post in China as a French consul.

There have been criticisms this year, as in previous years, that the 10 members of the jury are biased in favor of the three main French publishers — Gallimard, Grasset and Le Seuil. Eight out of the past 10 Goncourt prizes have gone to their authors.

Bodard won the "Interallie" literary prize in 1973 for his work *Monsieur le Consul* about his upbringing in China.

Bodard was destined for the French diplomatic corps like his father, but became a journalist and was for several decades one of France's best-known roving foreign correspondents.

He covered the war in Indochina and wrote three books on it, followed by two books on the China of Mao Tse-tung. Later he covered the war in Algeria and wrote a book on the massacre of Indians in Brazil (1969).

His mother brought him back to France while his father remained as a consul in China, and Bodard describes how he found it difficult to become acclimatized to life in the West after being spoiled by the ease of life in the Far East.

The novel *Anne-Marie* has a trenchant description of his experience in a boarding school and then Paris in the "Mad 20s."

Meanwhile the Renaudot literary prize was awarded to Spanish author Michel del Castillo for his novel *La Nuit du Decret*. Castillo, who is 48, was born in Madrid and writes in French.

The Renaudot prize guarantees sales of between 80,000 and 300,000. There is no cash award.

## W. German, Indian ministers meet

BONN, Nov. 16 (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher and his Indian colleague P.V. Narasimha Rao agreed Monday that the North-South dialogue between rich and poor nations must continue within global negotiations.

Genscher lauded the part played by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at the recent Cancun summit in Mexico.

A Foreign Ministry communique published after Genscher and Rao concluded their deliberations said both ministers agreed that the ministers will work in their respective groups of countries toward converting the Cancun agreements into reality.

situation in Southwest Asia, in particular the efforts of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and other nations in the region to cooperate more closely, the statement said.

Other subjects on the agenda were Afghanistan, for which both ministers agreed a political solution must be found, and the forthcoming visit to Germany of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

## Dutch reactor aid to go

THE HAGUE, Nov. 16 (AFP) — The Netherlands is considering ending its contribution toward European research on nuclear fast breeder reactors at Kalkar, Germany, Dutch Premier Andries van Agt told parliament Monday.

## Crucial Polish parleys on reforms begin today

WARSAW, Nov. 16 (AFP) — Leaders of Poland's free trade union federation Solidarity arrived here Monday to prepare for crucial negotiations with a government commission Tuesday on a gamut of ambitious and extensive reforms which the union is determined to see carried out.

At Tuesday's negotiations, which in contrast to past occasions have not been called under pressure of events, Solidarity's objectives will be five fold:

- To obtain regular access to the government-controlled news media.
- To set up machinery for monitoring the government's measures and projects.
- To work out a broad program of economic reform.
- To overhaul the present mode of electing municipal and regional councils.
- To deal with problems in the private agriculture sector.

These matters have at one time or another been the object of fruitless negotiations, with Solidarity calling for sweeping reforms and the government battling to preserve the party's leadership role in the country's affairs and avoid any major changes.

However, the prospects of progress Tuesday look brighter after the Nov. 4 meeting between Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, Roman Catholic primate Josef Glemp, and Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski, who is also first secretary of the Polish Communist Party.

Gen. Jaruzelski agreed then to negotiate on all important issues raised by Solidarity, on the understanding that the authority of the regime was not questioned, while Walesa later commented that he was "prudently optimistic."

## Union leaders arrive

### Crucial Polish parleys on reforms begin today

Both have staked their reputations on the positive outcome of Tuesday's negotiations, and despite some opposition to social compromise in their respective camps, they cannot afford to see them end in stalemate.

The two leaders have accordingly been intent on seeking maximum support from their rank and file. Last week Walesa went on a tour of the country, which took him to the Cracow, Katowice, and Wroclaw districts.

## Doomsday plane pleases Reagan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan and his top three aides flew to Washington Sunday aboard the so-called "Doomsday plane," a sleek \$117 million jumbo jet equipped to serve as an airborne command post in a nuclear war. The president called it a "great, fascinating" flight.

No reporters were permitted to fly with the president, but deputy White House press secretary Larry Speakes later quoted Reagan as saying he was highly impressed and as adding, "it gives me a sense of confidence."

The plane is so named because it would be the country's last chance to direct retaliatory strikes if all ground posts controlling American strategic forces were destroyed.

Reagan arrived in Texas Friday for a weekend of hunting, with wild turkeys as his target. The White House said he refused to shoot on the single occasion he had one in his sights.

## Space officials plan third mission

EDWARDS AIR BASE, California, Nov. 16 (R) — U.S. space officials, undaunted by having to bring down the *Columbia* space shuttle nearly three days ahead of schedule, say they plan to launch the craft again in mid-March.

*Columbia*, which stayed in space only 54 hours on its second mission because of a faulty power generator, is to spend a week orbiting the earth on its next flight and officials said there were no plans to change the mission significantly.

"*Columbia* came through its second flight in great shape," Donald Slayton, a former astronaut and the flight test manager, said Sunday.

He said the shuttle, with astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly aboard, would have

remained in orbit for full five days in reasonable safety. "But we would have had to take some drastic steps if we had lost another fuel generator," he added. The 75-ton shuttle had three generators.

Slayton said faulty generator would be examined after *Columbia* was ferried back to its launching site at Cape Canaveral, Florida, on top of a Boeing 747, probably next Monday.

The next flight of *Columbia* had been set early March until the second flight was delayed six weeks by a series of problems. "We now plan to have *Columbia* prepared for launching by the middle of March and we think this date is practical," George Page, director of shuttle operations at the launching site, said.

## From page one

Arafat complained that Arab governments do not allow the PLO to hold direct contacts with the various peoples of the Arab region. He said that the Palestinian movement can contact Arab peoples only through governments.

"We are not permitted to move in Arab countries without recourse to the governments" said Arafat, "and we are careful not to meddle in internal affairs of these countries, nor do we contradict official requirement that our contacts with peoples be conducted through their governments."

Arafat demanded more support by the Arabs for his movements, warning the Arabs that "Israel was readying for military operations in southern Lebanon (against the Palestinians) with American blessing."

Meanwhile, the Qatar News Agency reported that Arafat had an audience with the Ruler Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani.

Meanwhile, West German politician Juergen Moelleman said Saudi Arabia's plan had a good chance of helping resolve all outstanding issues and expressed the hope that it would have support from all sides.

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the agreement for the establishment of the Gulf University along with its statute, approved amendments to economic agreements with Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, and empowered the higher education minister to sign a scientific, education and Islamic agreement with Indonesia. It also approved an economic agreement with Argentina and a request by Interior Minister Prince Naif to grant a 25 percent pay raise to the prisons' military staff.

Moelleman, parliamentary foreign policy spokesman in Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher's Free Democratic party was speaking to reporters after a meeting with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis.

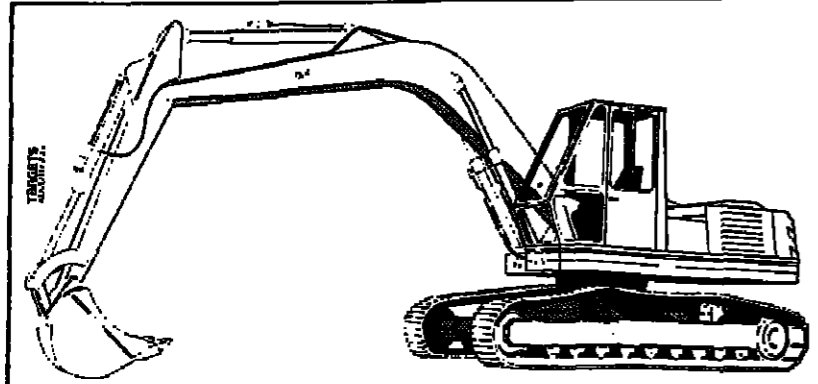
"I hope that the Arab summit conference in Fez (Morocco) will lead to positive results regarding Middle East peace and help Lebanon to resolve its problems," he said.

"I believe that the Prince Fahd peace plan, which is to be raised before the conference, is the right way to resolve all outstanding issues and hope that it will have support from all sides," added Moelleman who arrived in Beirut Sunday on a visit to Lebanon.

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